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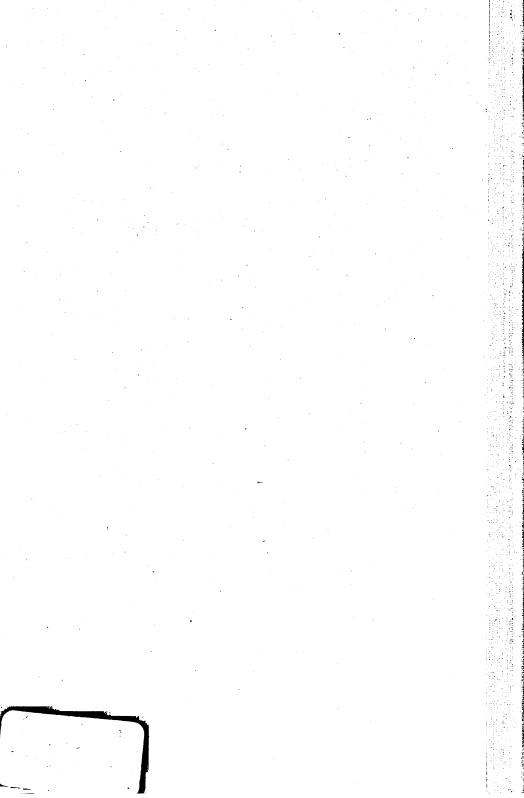
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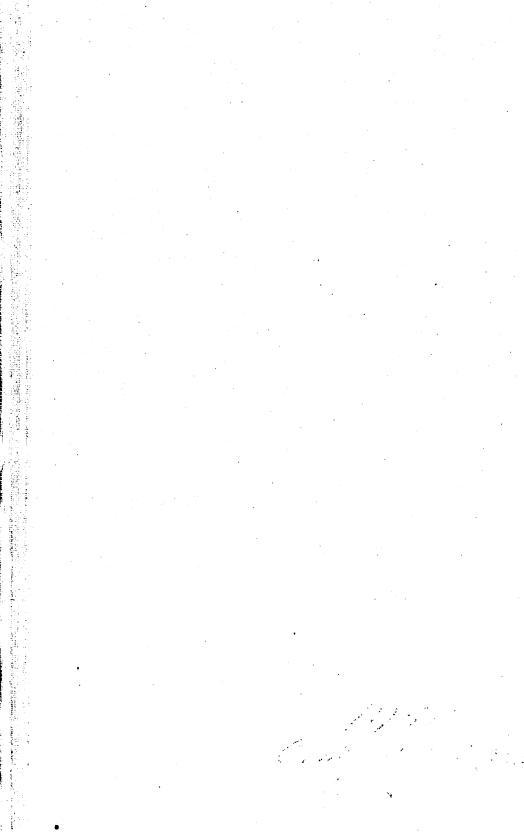
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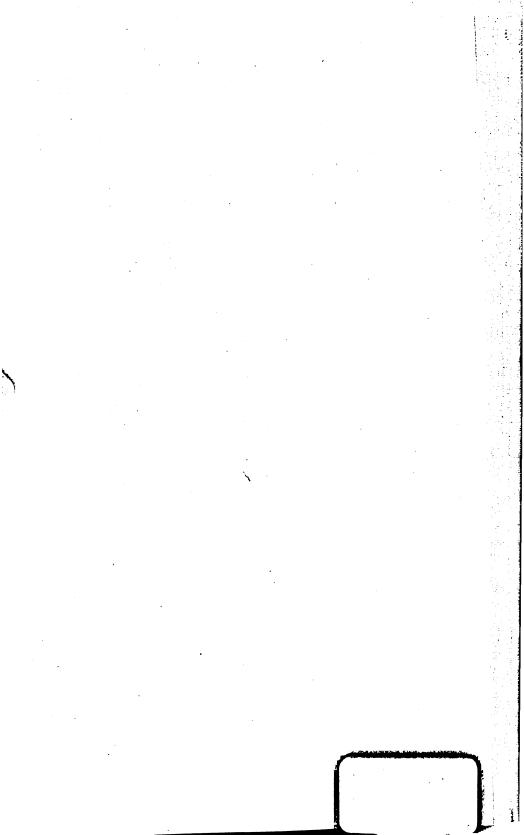
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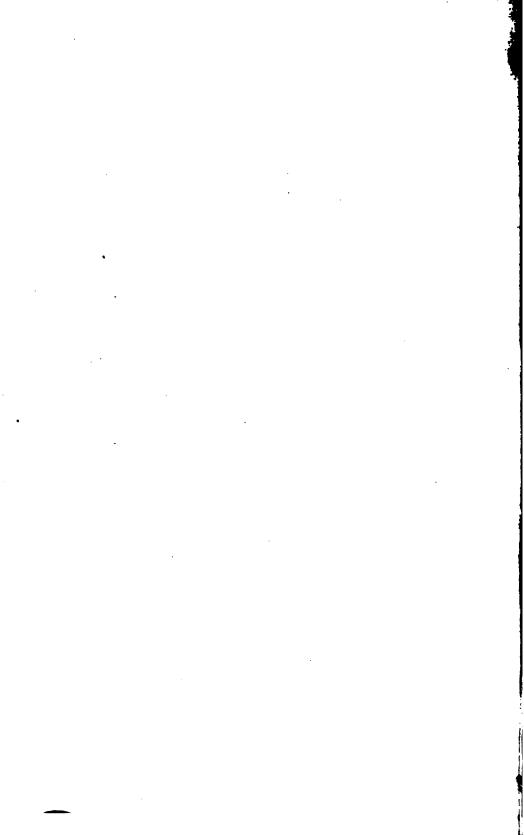
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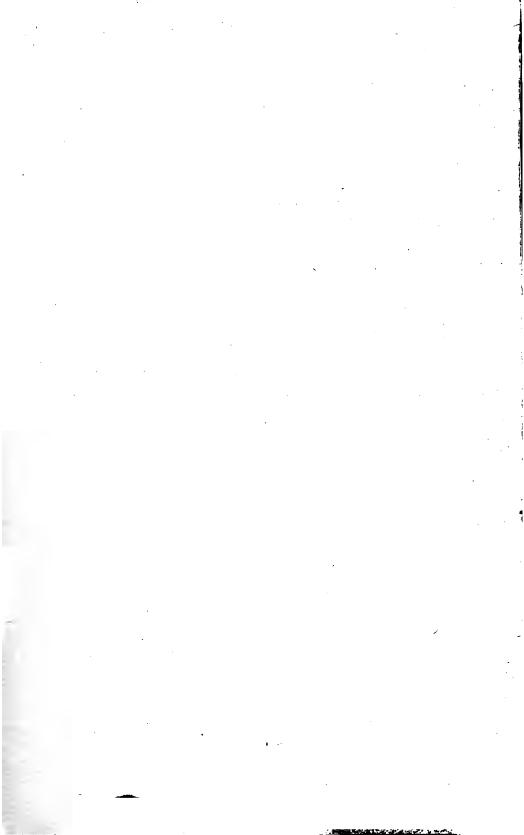
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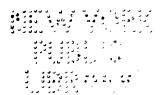
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#### PARK DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of Public Service, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN,—

The annual report of receipts and expenditures for the Park Department under the Board of City Affairs up to April 9, 1900, and since that time until the end of the present year under your charge, is submitted herewith.

The work of this department has consisted entirely in maintaining the parks as they are, and in making such repairs as were found necessary to the different roads and buildings connected therewith.

There has been no increase in the park area, though the use of the parks has been greater each succeeding year. The park area in Cincinnati is less than any other city of its size in the United States, but our parks consist so largely of very uneven surfaces that the cost of keeping up the limited area has been very much more in proportion to cities having the same amount of park land that is entirely level. Almost the entire area of the two larger parks, Eden and Burnet Woods, consists entirely of hills and hollows, on which has been spent a very large amount of money to bring

them to their present condition. Such roads as we have and walks that are finished are all in good condition.

The trees and shrubbery (some of the varieties more than others) have suffered from the insects that have been prevalent here for the last four years, and quite a good deal of planting has been required, which is being done as rapidly as the funds will allow. While the area of the parks here is limited, the locations are such that the people are able to enjoy them to the fullest extent.

There is still very much to be done in this

park in the way of completing the roadways originally laid out, and bringing under cultivation some of the rougher edges of the park that have not, so far, been taken away from their original stone-quarry surfaces.

The limited amount of money appropriated would not allow the finishing of the Cliff Drive, which will be one of the most handsome roads in the park when finished. The large concrete bridge has not been utilized, for the reason that there is no outlet, the road over it having not as yet been put in shape for one of the most beautiful drives in the park.

If at some time in the future sufficient money can be obtained from an issue of bonds to complete the parts of Eden Park that have not been so far brought in, it can be pointed to with pride as one of the most handsome parks of its size in the country.

The shelter-house on Mt. Adams has been put in repair inside and out. The roads leading up to and around it have been finished, and the new steps make this hilltop a very much sought-after place in this thickly-settled portion of the city. At no time during the warmest weather in summer is this part of the park without fresh, cooling breezes, which are enjoyed by a large number of visitors, as well as our home people.

As referred to in a former report, the music-stand in Eden Park must be entirely rebuilt. It has gone so far that any repairs put on it will only be money wasted. In the new appropriation for this year sufficient money was asked for to build a new music-stand here, but in the adjustment of the appropriation the finance committee had to pass over this item. If the new stand is built, it certainly should be in the center of the concourse. The location is beautifully adapted for outdoor concerts, and will accommodate all the people who may possibly attend these concerts. The concerts here last year under the Schmidlapp Eden-Park Concert Fund were very largely attended and gave perfect satisfaction, and we were fortunate during the summer to have but two Sundays when the weather stopped the concerts. The music rendered was of the highest classical and popular quality, and the very large attendance each Sunday proved that it was appreciated by the people.

The cement walk should properly be extended from the stone-arch bridge around to the music-stand, as the very large number of people on Sundays walking on the cinder paths soon raises a black, disagreeable dust, which is very much objected to by the ladies, especially when they are out in handsome summer costumes.

The spring on the north side of the reservoir has been largely used by the people in the vicinity of the park and for quite a distance around, for the reason of the fine quality of the water. A sample of the water was put in the hands of the city chemist for analysis, and he has made a favorable

report, stating that the water was of a high medicinal quality and perfectly pure. This spring is in bad shape so far as appearances are concerned, and the amount of water it furnishes to the number of people using it justifies a very handsome spring-house, which it is hoped future appropriations for park purposes may provide for, so that these very necessary improvements may be made here.

The green-house in Eden Park was utilized very much last year both as a show-house and as a place for the propagation of plants for the different parks, and a large stock is now in the houses ready to plant out in all the parks this spring. The collection of orchids and palms is getting to be quite valuable, and they are of such a nature as would justify your Board in erecting a suitable show-house in addition to the present plant. The plants (palms largely) were used in the decoration of other parks in the city, and seemed to be much appreciated by the people who frequented these parks. The houses were put in thorough repair this past season, with the exception of painting, which can be done with our park force during the coming summer.

The extensive piece of grading for the new garden work is now nearly finished, and we hope to have it ready in time for planting this coming season. Considerable grading was done and a large amount of stone quarried by the park force, which enabled us to build, without buying any stone, a boundary-wall at the north line of the park between Luray Avenue and Alpine Place. There is still nearly enough stone on hand to build a wall under the concrete bridge, which improvement is under way and will be ready by spring.

It is necessary that a large number of trees be planted in this park to take the place of numbers that have died from the attacks of insects. Very little can be done on the Gilbert-avenue front on account of the inability of the Board to secure the co-operation of the Art Museum Directors, who own the rough hillside facing Gilbert Avenue. This is properly park property, but not under the control of your Board. If the proper legislation could be arranged between the Art Museum Directors and your Board to secure the transfer to the city of such property as they do not think would be likely to be used for museum purposes, this rough hillside could be in time made a very handsome piece of work, but under the opinion of the Corporation Counsel the city has no right to spend any money on this property. It is the intention, if possible, to bring the strip of ground on the west side of Gilbert Avenue to grade this spring, so that it can be sown with grass-seed, and in time planted with trees and made a beautiful addition to Eden Park. A fence and cement walks will be necessary both on the railroad side and the avenue side, but they will have to come later, as there are no funds on hand for such an improvement.

In addition to the improvements that have already been suggested for Eden Park, your Board would be justified in continuing the boundary-wall on the entire northern boundary of the park, from Luray Avenue down to Gilbert Avenue, as soon as possible. The owners of the abutting property have built in many places close to the park-line, and in several instances have no way of getting in or out except by crossing park-lines, which, if not defined by a wall or permanent fences, will in a short time get to be customary, and later on taken as a right. Sufficient stone can be found in the park where grading is necessary to build this entire wall, but our park force can do nothing more than secure the stone, and the wall would have to be built by contract.

If bonds in sufficient sum could be secured from the legislature to finish this park entirely, it could be done at a very moderate expense. The park is now sewered, and the roads which are done are well made, and the slopes are defined and have become permanent, so that there is no fear of landslides on the hills.

Nothing more can be said about this hand
HOPKINS some little park than what has already been stated in former reports. The original donor,

Lewis C. Hopkins, had an eye to beauty when he donated the ground for this park. It has been kept up in good shape as to flower-beds, and the fountain adds to the beauty of the park. More of these little spots would be a great advantage to the city.

BURNET of woods, and is, in fact, the best piece of woods natural woods in this vicinity. The roads \_\_\_\_\_are all in fair condition and the sewerage is well arranged. There are no washes here of any kind but are well in hand.

There can not be much improvement made here, except to bring the Clifton-avenue front into proper grades and slopes, which will necessitate considerable outlay, as the cutting in many places is very heavy. As stated in a former report, a cement sidewalk should be laid the entire length of this park, nearly two thousand feet long. The cement walk should be laid so as to leave considerable space on either side of the curb for permanent tree-planting. An attempt was made to plant this avenue with pin oaks, but

the slow growth of the oaks make it hardly the thing for this very wide avenue. It would be many years before they would become of a size sufficient to afford any shade. It would be necessary to plant some quick-growing trees, which could be taken out in time, if necessary, to allow the oaks and other slower-growing trees to take their place. But this is a matter for the future. The avenue has been planted this fall with a line of European elms, which will make both a quick and symmetrical growth.

The beauty of Clifton Avenue will always be marred, and in fact look like a piece of unfinished work, until the Trustees of the McMicken University carry out either their own plan, or a general plan, for the face grade of their property fronting on the avenue. All the south end of the park—some seven hundred feet or more—to Corry Street extended is held by the University under a deed made eleven years ago by the city. They occupy this property, which consists of over forty-three acres, for their university buildings, which take up but a very small part of it, and the balance is grown up in weeds and a jungle of seedlings.

An attempt was made by your Board to have this matter adjusted in some way in order to bring the grounds into cultivation, but the Trustees of the University have failed to make any move so far towards the improvement of any part of the property. This is a serious matter as concerns Burnet Woods, as all outside visitors and parties not residents of the city, and in fact many residents of the city, think that the university property is part of the park system. While it really is (in the deed to the University it is cited that it shall also be a part of the park), it never can be unless it is brought under cultivation, and the proper roads, avenues, and walks laid out through the grounds. It seems

a little hard that of the small area of the park system of Cincinnati more than forty acres, which cost the city over \$100,000, should be left as it is—not even in shape for a pasture.

An opinion of the Corporation Counsel has been had in this matter, and it is so decided that the University management are required to make these improvements at their own expense, not from the park funds; but they have failed to make any move whatever.

It is to be hoped that they will appreciate the fact that they are leaving one quarter of this handsome park to simply become a weed-patch. The time that it has been in their possession certainly warrants some attempt, even if only the front, to bring it into cultivation.

On the east side of the park Hopson Street has been opened and brought to a grade by your predecessors, and this grade, as established on Hopson Street, will necessitate a very extensive back grading and sloping to give it any thing of a park appearance. Why Hopson Street was ever made and cut as it is into park property is a mystery. It is a narrow street; in fact, only a canal.

The opening of the new entrance on St. Clair Street into Burnet Woods necessitates considerable grading to make the entrance handsome, as it should be, as it comes into one of the most beautiful parts of the park. The stable, which has been condemned in former reports, stands directly in the center of the St. Clair-street entrance. It is but a cheap affair, and, if money can in any way be spared from the maintenance fund next year, must certainly be rebuilt and located in a better-suited place than it is at present. A new stable and a shelter-house are two of the absolute necessities for Burnet Woods.

The children's play-ground, directly west of the lake, has been patronized very largely, and few pleasant days of the summer passed without a large gathering of children there in crowds or picnic parties to enjoy the cool shade and boating on the lake.

The shelter-house should be built so that in case of sudden storms there would be some protection for the little ones, which we have not at present, the only shelter being quite a small cottage building at the north end of the lake, which is used as a refreshment stand, and it is in such a dilapidated condition that repairs would only be wasted on it.

These two improvements were contemplated and the amount needed asked for by the Park Committee from the Board of Legislation when making their annual appropriation, but in the distribution of the funds but a small amount was put to the credit of the Park Department, which is not sufficient to make these needed improvements.

The lake, covering considerable area, is patronized quite liberally by visitors and others, and the boats, both large and small, should be of the best quality. The boating seems to have run down, but under the new contracts which will be let this spring whoever secures the privilege will be required to put in a new outfit of boats, as the present ones are worn out.

The trees in Burnet Woods are in fair condition, with the exception of the older ones. The elms have almost entirely disappeared. The elm-borer was so destructive that hardly a large elm-tree remains in the whole park. They have been cut down, and no provision so far has been made to replace them, as in many places they could be spared easily on account of their crowding other trees There is no park in this part of the country which has a more beautiful collection of trees than we have here. The original forest-trees, many of them over one hundred years old, are still in their full beauty, but old age is telling very much on the beeches, of which this park consisted very largely. A general replanting of the park in younger trees will soon be necessary to fill out the spaces as these grand old trees disappear. That is a vital matter which should not be delayed, as young stock can be planted in every available place to come along and fill up the spaces as the old ones go. A very large number of trees (elm and beech) have had to be removed the past season. It still leaves, though, a very handsome collection. The younger trees are thriving well, and there is no reason but what, with proper care, all spaces left by the removal of old trees can be kept up very well. There are no flower-beds in Burnet Woods, for the park is kept simply as its name implies—a wild woods park.

The electric lighting in the park, as it is, is very poor, and as that is the only means of lighting the park at night, the constant outages leave the park in darkness sometimes for hours at a time. This matter, though, can be easily remedied.

The shelter-house on the hill and music-stand both were put in repair and thoroughly painted this summer. The concerts under the Groesbeck Endowment Fund were more largely attended this year than ever. On account of the reinvestment of the Groesbeck Endowment Fund, the Sinking Fund Trustees were not able to secure the amount of interest heretofore received, as the fund could not be placed at as high a rate of interest as when first invested. The general reduction of all rates of interest and securities thus

reduces this fund considerably, and will necessitate the cutting of two, and probably three, concerts for the coming season. By opening the concerts a little later in the season than has been done formerly, it will run the music well into September of each year. All last season the weather was mild, as has also been the case this season, and therefore there has been but little opportunity for skating on the lake.

The Ludlow-avenue front of the park has been replanted in quite a number of places where old trees were taken out, and is now coming along very nicely.

It is to be hoped that legislation will be carried out and laws already in force be executed which will stop the killing off of almost all the insectivorous birds which are really the life of our woodland park. The past year has shown a very noticeable increase in the insect-eating birds all through Burnet Woods. All of the family of woodpeckers, which lives wholly on wood insects, as well as the yellow-hammer and flicker, are now making their home in the park. They add very much to the life of our trees, and every means possible should be taken to protect them.

The public golf-links were patronized quite fairly at times, but hardly enough to justify what is absolutely needful if they are kept up—special police and attendants to look after them. As the links occupy in length, going and coming, nearly a mile, if kept up in shape, it will necessitate the employment of two additional police and two additional laborers, which with our limited park fund will be a great drain. All the care that can be given by the present force in the park is put on the links, and for public links they are in fairly good condition; but if maintained wholly as golf-links, and the public who do not play golf

kept off them, it will necessitate, as already stated, additional policemen and laborers. The Clifton Golf Club has, so far, done considerable towards keeping the links in condition, as their home grounds are directly opposite the park, and the park links are used mostly by them as a course.

If proper legislation could be had with the University Trustees, very handsome athletic grounds for all purposes could be had in the forty-three acres which the city deeded them. Baseball, tennis-courts, golf, and all the outdoor sports would find sufficient room, and the natural lay of the ground in the rear of the university, which is one large amphitheater, will make it a very handsome affair, and will attract, no doubt, very largely both the outside public and the university students.

As stated in a former report, the loss of the

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PARK
elm-trees is largely felt in this park. Considerable replanting has been done, and will
be continued, with the consent of your Board, to make up for the loss. The present older trees have received good care, and the insects have been kept well in hand. Quite a number of quick-growing trees have been put in, and will fill up the spaces left through the loss of the other trees considerably.

The flower-beds have been rearranged somewhat, and the park as a whole has been well taken care of. More help is needed, though, on account of the nature of the soil, which needs continual watering all the time.

It has been found injurious to have the sprinkling done in the park by the sprinkling-wagons, as the weight of a wagon-load of water materially damages all the walks in the park. These walks have been entirely reconstructed this past season, and a large quantity of broken stone of the finer grade spread on them, thereby bringing them up in very good shape. New benches are necessary very generally in this park.

There is no park in the city that is more thoroughly enjoyed by the people, on account of its very convenient location for the large tenement representation of which this part of the city is largely composed.

If in any possible way a larger appropriation can be had, more money could be spent to advantage in this park. In the new boating contract which has been let an entire new outfit of boats has been put on the lake, and they seem to be very well patronized.

No change has been made in the walks or roads of this park from the first well-defined plan, which has been continued year after year, excepting in the southwest corner of the park, where a new gateway and walks were made, thus enabling a large number of people living in that vicinity to use the park in going to and coming from their different vocations.

It is the intention to plant a larger quantity of flowers here than in former years. There is also needed in this park a new tool- and coal-house; the present one is entirely gone. The new one should be placed in a less prominent place in the park.

This very centrally located park remains as

WASHINGTON popular as ever, with the handsome fountain
PARK and the keeping up of the different planting
and flower-beds in the park. The trees are
doing very well, and are receiving all the care possible.

Nearly two hundred new trees were planted of younger

stock to take the place of the elms and other trees which have gone, and if the park is kept from outside interference for a few years, and the proper care given to the present trees and the new planting, it can be brought back to the former beauty which it possessed before it was so ruthlessly destroyed by the Centennial Exposition in 1888.

During warm weather this park is constantly crowded with women and children both day and night, and it has been kept open during the summer months every night until midnight.

As in the other city parks, a great deal of water is necessary to keep the sod and trees in a proper state of cultivation during the summer, as the top of the subsoil which was put in here is composed of a very light material, and the warm weather of summer dries it out very quickly.

The two blocks of Garfield Park, being the

GARFIELD most centrally located of any park in the
city, were used last season very largely day
and evening as a resting-place by a great
many people.

This park has been entirely reseeded the past winter, and at this writing is showing up a very beautiful green piece of sod-work. It is the intention of this department to further beautify the park with a display of plants much larger than was used last year.

The trees here are doing fairly well, and all dead ones have been replaced with quite large-sized trees, which seem to be growing very successfully. Great care has to be taken with these trees on account of the covering up of the roots on both sides of the asphalt pavement and the cement walk through the center of the park.

The past season has been one of the worst

MATTERS for insect pests in many years, and the grass
IN GENERAL in all the parks has been affected more than

any thing else. The almost total destruction
of the insect-eating birds and the influx of the sparrow pest
has done much to damage our park system. In the summer
the irrepressible sparrow takes almost entire possession of the
trees in the parks, and all means used so far to drive them
off seem to fail.

As stated previously in this report, the city should have quite an extensive nursery for growing young stock, which would be coming along to keep up the supply of trees which are constantly needed in all of the parks to take the place of those dying from diseases and other causes. Portions of Burnet Woods are very well adapted to this, as here the natural virgin soil has not been disturbed, and it makes fine root growth for all of the classes of hardy trees, which in many cases are very difficult to transplant on account of coming from localities where the soil is of a different nature than that of this city and vicinity.

As this report is being finished, the work of filling the west side of the park on Gilbert Avenue is being rapidly accomplished, and it is hoped that we will be enabled to have it seeded down this present season, so that next year it can be taken hold of as a proper addition to the park system.

The growth of the plants at the green-house has been more successful this year than any year since its establishment, and it will enable the planting of the whole park system to be done in quite an elaborate manner at a very small cost.

The new piece of fancy gardening in Eden Park is progressing successfully, and as rapidly as our limited funds and help will allow, and is now in a fair state of completion.

This department wishes to thank your honorable Board for the kind attention that has been given to it by the entire Board, and also the chairman of the Committee on Parks, as the almost daily visitation by some one or other of the members of the Board to the parks has enabled them to keep park matters well in hand, and to be thoroughly posted as to the needs and requirements of the different parts of the park system.

It is necessary to say further that the one thing needed to bring our park system to a completion is an additional appropriation, and it is hoped that the appearance of the parks this season will justify your Board in asking a liberal appropriation for their continuance and further beautifying for the next season.

Additional park property, if acquired at the present time, would be a great advantage, as some beautiful pieces of very desirable park property could be acquired now at nominal prices; but the strength of the tax duplicate is now severely taxed, so that additional park property will have to stand over for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. CRITCHELL,

FEBRUARY 1, 1901.

Superintendent of Parks.

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1900.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1, 1900	181 39
Received from Taxes	42,307 80
" " Refreshment Stands	247 00
" Sale of Wood and Old Iron	••
	37 45
Impoundage Conected	12 50
" Sale of Horse	20 25
Total	\$42,806 39
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RECAPITULATION—EXPENDITURES FOR 1900	).
Payrolls	29,997 99
Blacksmith, Wagon and Buggy Repairs	137 95
Brushes, Brooms, Mops, and Soap	33 11
Castings, Stove Repairs, etc	30 73
Cement Sidewalks	448 80
Charcoal	11 50
Chairs and Music-racks	17 10
Disinfectant	45 00
Drafting Instruments	19 75
Doctor's Bill	15 00
Dynamite	5 10
Feed—Corn, Oats, Hay, and Middlings	478 39
Flower-pots, Labels, etc	51 01
Fence and Fence Repairs	111 45
Fuel	292 99
Grading in Eden Park	3,070 90
Hardware and Tools	250 59
Harness Repairs	64 70
Horseshoeing	205 11
Horse-keep, Veterinary Services, and Medicine	263 28
Horse and Cart-hire	129 50
Horse-covers, Buggy-apron, and Whip	10 07
Horse-bedding	7 00
Horses	120 00
Hose and Hose-couplings. 6566.13.4	64 85
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Incidentals-Cash Paid, Paper in Cash Book, Hauling Benches,		
Newspaper, etc	71	38
Insecticides	22	40
Lawn-mower Repairs	38	82
Lumber	267	33
Light in Green-house	84	96
Office Expenses	55	16
Paints, Oil, etc	177	10
Painting Green-house, Benches, etc	187	05
Plants, Trees, Shrubs, and Seeds	251	07
Police Shelter-house	96	00
Plumbing, Repairs, and Fittings	326	07
Repairs to Shelter-house and Dock	404	27
Rubber Boots, Rope, and Slate	50	88
Sand and Gravel	14	10
Sewer-pipe and Cement:	39	67
Sinking Fund	1,840	00
Soil, Sod, Earth, and Manure	288	84
Steam-roller Repairs	8o	89
Stone (crushed), and Hauling and Breaking	668	92
Sprinkling Streets	780	00
Telephone and Patrol-boxes	280	16
Trimming and Cutting Down Trees	13	00
Ventilating Apparatus	33	40
Vault-cleaning	16	00
Balance on hand December 31st	808	40
Total	\$42,806	39



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#### PARK DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of Public Service, Cincinnati, O.:

#### GENTLEMEN,-

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of receipts and expenditures of the Park Department for the year 1901, and also a general review of the work done in the parks under your direction.

As stated in former reports, the work has been principally in the maintenace of the parks as they are, and keeping up the necessary repairs. The parks at the present date are in a fair condition all through, with the exception of the necessary wear and tear on some of the buildings, which were old, and which it will be necessary to replace at an early date.

There has been no increase whatever in park area, though each succeeding year shows that the city of Cincinnati is still far behind other first-class cities in park land; but with our limited funds it takes very close work and economical management to keep matters in good shape, and make such improvements as have been made in the different parks.

In Eden Park the work done will be dwelt on more fully under the head of "Eden Park." Burnet Woods has been

kept up as usual. The loss of old trees this year in all the parks has been less than in former years, but on account of the constant failing of the trees the recommendation of former years for the establishment of a small nursery in Burnet Woods to keep up the supplies for the park system is more emphatically urged than ever before. Considerable replanting has been done, but it necessitates the expenditure of more funds than can be really spared from other park work.

The attendance in all the parks becomes very much greater each year, and the musical performances on Saturday and Sunday in Burnet Woods and Eden Park were attended by the people more largely than was ever before known.

Considerable has been done in this park in

the way of new work, and from the general

park criticism passed on this work it seems to have

been highly satisfactory. There is much to
be done here which can not be accomplished without a considerably larger appropriation expressly for this purpose.

The new piece of fancy garden work with its fountain and walks was largely visited, and was well kept up notwithstanding the drought last summer, which was the worst that has been known for the past twenty-five years.

The new work under way on Luray Avenue (for which the park authorities, in connection with your Board, are indebted to the citizens living on Luray Avenue for their very handsome contribution—\$1,000 in cash) has been brought very near to completion, and with the funds which will be available early in the year from the new park appropriation we hope to finish the same. An additional sum has

been promised from the residents facing the park to finish the waterfalls and the lake which have been established on this old baseball park. When finished there will be added to the park nearly two thousand feet of additional roadway for driving purposes, giving a magnificent view up and down the river for miles, as well as across to the Kentucky hills, which we can say without boasting is one of the most beautiful views that can be found in any park system in the country.

The Cliff Drive, which will be a beautiful road when finished, is still in an embryo state. The large concrete bridge is suffering from want of repairs, which must be attended to this coming season or the bridge will be past repairing. When the Cliff Drive is finished it will give the park, with the new drive in the Luray-avenue addition, nearly three quarters of a mile of new driveway. If the coming legislature can be prevailed upon to furnish enough money to finish this beautiful park as it should be, we could boast of a very complete park, and one as beautiful as any in the country.

There is very much need in Eden Park of a large show-house in addition to the present greenhouse plant. The plants which have been gathered from time to time under the direction of this and former boards are now becoming quite large, and make a very handsome collection. The greenhouses were built originally for growing and not for these large show-plants. The beauty of these plants can only be brought out and appreciated by the public by having a proper house to display them in. Very many of the plants which are housed in the greenhouses at Eden Park, such as palms, etc., are used for decorating the down-town parks, and the better the care we give them while in the green-

houses, the better will be the display in the city parks when they are distributed through them in the spring.

There was grown in the greenhouses last year, for planting in the different parks and for the new fancy garden work, over 150,000 plants, at a cost, outside of the labor and fuel, of a very nominal sum. By the addition of another show-house, which need not be a very expensive affair, more room can be given to bedding and other plants for the down-town parks. The location of Eden Park being so central, causes it to be more used than any of the large parks, and on summer evenings one may always find a multitude of people going to this park to enjoy the cooling breezes and fresh air which they have here almost at their homes.

The music-stand has been entirely rebuilt at quite a considerable expense, as it was found, on attempting to repair it, that with the exception of the outside walls every thing had to be built anew.

One of the attractions of Eden Park is the medicinal spring located at the southwest corner of the reservoir. The water has been analyzed by the city chemist, and found to be perfectly pure, and with sufficient medical properties to justify the fact that more than one hundred barrels of the water are carried away daily by persons using it for numerous bodily ailments, claiming that they are benefited greatly thereby. This spring is in a very crude shape, having simply a straw-shack covering and an ordinary iron bucket pump to lift the water. On Sundays and warm nights it necessitates a large number of people waiting sometimes from fifteen to twenty minutes before they can get close enough to the spring to be served. During concerts on Sundays two additional men have to be kept to pump water

for the crowd of people who come there to drink. The question of a new spring-house has been agitated several times, plans having been drawn and estimates taken for the erection of the same, but so far no positive action has been had. It is to be hoped that the legislature will allow the Park Department enough money for the improvements so badly needed, including enough for a handsome spring-house. Another spring with the same medicinal properties is located on Kemper Lane, in the eastern end of the park. It is on the roadside of Kemper Lane, and the overflow from this spring, instead of being utilized, is allowed to run into the sewer and waste away.

The slopes fronting on several of the main roads in the park have never been brought to the proper grade since the park was established, and the openings made from time to time for the laying of water-pipes and sewerage have left a number of very bad and ugly ruts, which will necessitate the regrading of the entire slopes, and some additional planting to keep the shrubbery and earth from sliding. This work is more than can be done by the regular park force, and will come under the head of necessary expenditures, should funds be allowed for that purpose.

More seating accommodations are necessary in Eden Park for the people who come to enjoy the outdoor concerts under the Schmidlapp Eden Park Concert Fund, as at times the grass is not in the proper condition for seating, and when it is damp and soft after rains it is best not to have it walked on too much. The concerts this year under the above-named fund were very much of a success, both the classical and the popular music, and the very large number in attendance every Sunday shows that they were fully appreciated.

The cement walk asked for in former reports is again asked for in this, as cinder paths in dry weather are very disagreeable to walk on, especially to ladies.

A very considerable amount of retaining-wall has been built on both sides of the cement bridge, and finished with artistic columns, having been built almost wholly of stone quarried in the park. It is the intention the coming spring to cover this wall with vines, so as to make the entrance very handsome.

Coming to the rough hillside facing Gilbert Avenue, it still remains as it has for the past twelve years—very rough and unsightly. This property, being under the control of the Art Museum Directors, who seem very loth to do any thing in the way of improvements - and in fact have done nothing whatever-is still an eyesore to the entire park, as the thousands of people who pass up and down each day on Gilbert Avenue and take this to be a part of Eden Park, while it is really Art-Museum property, will testify. A conference was had by your Board with the President of the Art Museum Association, but up to the present time nothing satisfactory has been arrived at; but it is to be hoped that before spring some arrangement can be made with the Art Museum Trustees whereby some kind of a transfer to the city of such of the property as they are not now using, and . never will use for building purposes, can be made. The President of the Art Museum Association informed your Board that he considered the rough, sliding hillside as one of nature's beauty spots. Of course the question as to whether it is a place of beauty or not is open to criticism. Could this unused property be retransferred to the city under condition that if at any time in the future the Art Museum should need it for museum purposes or new buildings it

could be returned, and in the mean time a series of terraces and handsome steps arranged to make the entire unsightly slope a picture in landscape work, with the Museum to crown the whole thing?

The strip of ground on the west side of Gilbert Avenue, by means of constant work during this summer and fall; has now been brought to the proper grade by filling in some six thousand loads of earth, and will be planted this spring with flower-beds, trees, shrubbery, etc., and cements walks will then have to be laid on that side of Gilbert Avenue. This will make a beautiful addition to the park, and when planted and finished it will no doubt be very much admired and used, as it is under the direct view of thousands who pass up and down the avenue. The cost of filling this park has been only nominal, as, with the exception of one hundred and fifty loads of earth, all material has been brought there without cost.

In the report of last year the question of defining the boundary-lines in Eden Park, from Luray Avenue down to Gilbert Avenue, was brought to your attention, and is still open. Preservance of the integrity of the park-lines is absolutely necessary, and this wall should be built at as early a date as possible, as the people living in the flat-buildings which are built up almost to the park-line use that part of the park in front of their buildings for all purposes, in many instances running over the grass and shrubbery with wagons and vehicles of all kinds to get backward and forward to these apartment buildings. As before stated, sufficient stone can be found in the park where grading is necessary to build this entire wall, but our park force is not sufficient to do the work, and it will have to be built by contract.

The sewerage system in the park is good; the roads in good condition; and nothing has happened in the park this year in the way of slides from storms or bad weather to do any damage, and we may say that no accidents of any kind have occurred, with the exception of one runaway on account of a horse being startled by an automobile.

While on the subject of automobiles, some legislation will be necessary to regulate the speed of automobiles in the parks where they are allowed to be used.

This little park has been kept in its integrity,

Bopkins and it is to be regretted that more of these

Park small parks can not be scattered through the

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_city; but with the present closely-built blocks
it does not seem to be possible for more of them to be made
unless at great expense, which money could be used to better
advantage by taking under improvement pieces of land that
are out of the thickly-populated parts of the city. The
flower-beds and fountains have been kept up in good shape
and have been apparently enjoyed by the people.

This part of the park system is exactly as the Burnet name (Burnet Woods) implies: a woods, and Woods nothing more; and it is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_beautiful pieces of woods in the vicinity of Cincinnati.

As stated in former reports, the roads are in good condition and the sewerage well arranged. There can not be much more improvement here except on the Clifton-avenue front, which should be brought to the proper surfaces and grades, which will necessitate the expenditure of a considerable sum. A cement sidewalk has now become a necessity, as the present plank walk is past repairing.

The University has commenced work in grading their front on Clifton Avenue, and it is to be hoped that the plans they have submitted to your Board, and upon which they are now working, will be an improvement to the University, and bring the front of the University grounds up to a handsome grade. This, then, will more than ever necessitate the city continuing the same grading and sloping north to the northern entrance of the park. The University has also graded in the past season the athletic grounds in one of the hollows in the back of the University, and has also erected additional buildings for a technical school on the grounds. There is still much ground not utilized, and it is hoped that the improvements which have been started will be kept up.

It has become quite a proposition as to how to best bring into the park system the piece of ground south of the Univesity line and Corry Street extended. The only feasible plan seems to be the opening of a new roadway from Clifton Avenue east on Corry, to circle around the ravine and hills, and come out at Hopson and Molitor streets. This will need a considerable expenditure of money, but will help to make Burnet Woods what it should be—one of the most beautiful parks in this part of the country.

The grading on the east side of the park at Hopson Street has been kept up during the summer and fall without expense to the city by parties who are doing the grading for the stone which they find in the hill. When the grade is opened out to its full width this slope can be made quite a handsome affair; but it is going to be a very expensive job, as it will necessitate the running back of the slope for a long distance to obliterate the washes which would necessarily ensue in that clay soil.

The new St. Clair-street entrance will have to be made now, as it is used very largely by people coming in to the concerts and into the middle of the woods. The stable which we had hoped to have rebuilt last year is still in the same dilapidated condition. It is hardly tenable, and stands immediately in the middle of the St. Clair-street entrance. There is absolute need for a new stable and shelter-house, and another season can hardly go by with the present old. wrecks holding together. The shelter-house at present is no more than a little boat-house building for storing boats, etc., and during the skating of the past week thousands of people were unable to get in at all on account of the limited accommodation. When stormy and bad weather catches the picnic crowds in Burnet Woods they have no place of shelter to go to anywhere, and it makes it very bad for the children who go to these picnics to enjoy the cool shade and the boating on the lake.

Nearly a week of fine skating has been had this winter, and it was largely enjoyed by an immense outpouring of people who came there for the purpose of enjoying the recreation. The lake was patronized this year more liberally than ever on account of the entire new outfit of boats which was required under your contract. By the addition of a retaining-wall at the upper end of the lake some three feet of water can be secured without any excavating, which will enlarge the water surface over one acre.

The trees and shrubbery of the entire woods, considering the extreme drought of the past summer, have done very well, but there has been a considerable loss of large trees which have had to be cut down, and provision must be made, as before stated, to replace them. The collection of trees in these woods is very fine. The original forest is still here in its full beauty, but young trees must be planted in the park to fill up the spaces as the old ones disappear.

The electric lighting of the park is very insufficient for the size of the park. For some reason constant outages leave the park in darkness, as stated in a former report, for hours at a time. Either additional lights are necessary or the present ones should be put in better shape.

Repairs have been kept up here on all buildings which we felt we were justified in keeping in repair. The concerts under the Groesbeck Endowment Fund were largely attended, and as we had but two rainy Saturdays in the season the full amount of the fund was expended. A shortage in the fund, on account of reinvestment at a reduced rate of interest, limits the concerts to about twelve for a season; but the experiment of opening a little later was tried, which ran the concerts during the full season. A McKinley Memorial Concert was given on the 19th of September, the date of the funeral obsequies of the late lamented President McKinley, and was attended by over fifteen thousand people.

The public golf-links were patronized very sparely—not enough to justify any special care in keeping them up. The Clifton Golf Club grounds are directly opposite, and those who do care to keep up this sport are mostly members of the before-mentioned club. The links, greens, etc., have been regulated and kept in shape as well as possible, but our limited park funds will not allow any special care to be given to any one part of the park more than another; and as so few of the people who visit the park play golf, the park authorities are hardly justified in making a speciality of golf-links. The Clifton Golf Club has done considerable

towards keeping the links in condition, as in former years, and those who play there make no complaint as to their condition. The new athletic grounds established by the University will have a tendency to take all outdoor sports to that end of the park, where the natural lay of the ground is suitable, and here they will not interfere with the large and small parties of picnickers who frequent this park more largely than any one else.

Considerable replanting has been done in Lincoln Park, and, considering the continual Lincoln Park drought of the last summer and the poorly finished soil in this park, the trees have done remarkably well. The insects have been kept well in hand, and quick-growing trees have been planted as much as possible. The flower-beds have been well arranged, and the park up to the time of the continued drought was in very handsome shape. The park was thoroughly planted with grass-seed and fertilized last spring; but facilities for watering the entire park with the small help could not be had during the drought, and this park suffered thereby. New walks were made here, and have been kept clean and in good condition.

A very general addition to the benches in this park will now be necessary, as the wooden benches established by former Boards have become so worn out and rotten that they are daily taken away to the rubbish pile.

A new outfit of boats has been put on the lake, and the party holding the contract seems to be well satisfied with the results.

There is need in this park for a new tool-house and a

coal-house, as stated in a former report, for they are in bad condition now, and are almost past any repairs. New arrangements should be made here for public urinals and toilet-rooms, as the present accommodations are very inadequate. We think that this is one park which the city should take special care of in so far as keeping up of all equipments of the park, both for the comfort of the patrons and the beauty of the park.

This park is in a very thickly-settled part of the city, and the force which has been employed here in past years in its care has been totally insufficient for its proper care, though with the small force apportioned to it the best that could be done with the limited means available was attempted. A foreman and one laborer and one policeman is not sufficient for this the largest of the down-town parks.

As before stated, on account of the very porous nature of the soil, it being composed of ashes and street-scrapings overlaid with a little crust of earth, a few days of dry weather causes the whole park to suffer, and necessitates a very steady and constant watering with sprinklers and the hose to keep it in good shape.

The lake is in fine condition, and afforded some excellent skating during the recent cold spell; in fact, it was so crowded that the police had to exercise the best judgment in handling the immense crowds. I am glad to state that every thing passed off pleasantly, with no accidents or disorder of any kind. Police were brought from the other parks to manage the crowd.

There is nothing which can be done to change this park except in the care of grass, flower-beds, and trees, which necessitates additional labor, as before stated.

## Washington Park

pleased all.

The central park of the city, and for its size the one most largely used. It remains as popular as ever. The planting and flowerbeds in the park were an attraction that They were taken good care of and kept in fine condition until the extreme drought of the summer checked the growth. The grass suffered especially.

The same trouble exists in Washington Park as in Lincoln. The surface has been from time to time covered with light, worn-out manure and street-scrapings until there is no substance left to withstand the dry weather, which calls for constant and careful watering to keep the same in repair. Flower-beds were made a feature of this park, and, as stated above, the public, from expressions heard on all sides, evidently appreciated the efforts made to beautify the park.

The granting by your honorable Board to the Cincinnati' Fall Festival Association the use of this park during the month of September necessitated the entire regrading of the park. There was much criticism passed at the time upon the question of letting the park to the Fall Festival Association to use as they did. The gentlemen composing this body of enterprising citizens did every thing in their power to take care of and preserve the flower-beds and trees intact, but the grass, which was none of the best on account of the dry weather, was thoroughly worn out by the trampling of thousands of people who visited the different side-shows and entertainments that the Fall Festival placed in the park. was thought at first that the park could be brought to its former shape and beauty by touching up the worst places, and it was strongly contested by the management of the Fall Festival that your Board was going to extremes when the question of regrading the entire park came up. For a part

of the time during the occupancy of the Fall Festival Association the weather continued dry, and the trampling of the multitude wore what little life there was left in the sod away and ground it into dust. Changing to rain in the last few days, the constant trampling of the people left a series of mud lanes, and the only thing that could be done was to spade and plow the entire park, and reseed same with proper seed, and put fertilizers on, which was done; but on account of the continued drought there has not as yet been enough of a start to show what the results will be. It is as yet an experiment as to whether or not the grass can be restored there again after the Fall Festival; but as it has been tried successfully in the other parks, there is but small fear as to the result eventually. It is hoped by the park authorities that the park will not be used for this purpose again until it is seen what damage has been done by the last Fall Festival.

By request of the Board of Legislation, this and other city parks were kept open during the entire night in the extremely warm weather of July and August, as it was thought it would be a resting- and breathing-place for many of the sick and ailing children and their wornout mothers and attendants, who could make use of this open space during the warm nights, and secure rest for themselves and their charges; but from close observation and nightly count taken of all habitues of this park, not twenty women and children remained in the park after ten o'clock at night. The park was taken possession of by a crowd of worthless loafers and ragamuffins of all kinds, and vigilant police work was necessary to keep order. The presence of these rowdies was the reason that the women and children, for whose benefit the park was kept open, deserted the park as soon as this element began to gather every night. The police

force, under orders from the chief, raided the place several times during the two months, and it had much to do with ridding the park, along towards the last, of the tough ones among the all-night lodgers. This was an experiment which cost the city nearly five hundred dollars for additional police and help, and was of no benefit whatever to the parties for whom it was intended.

## Garfield Park

The two blocks of Garfield Park were reseeded and replanted last spring with grassseed and trees, and proved to be a successboth in the growth of the trees and the grass,

which had the effect of making this little breathing-space very attractive during the summer. Large palms from the Eden-Park greenhouses were distributed through this park liberally in groups, and did, so far as growing was concerned, remarkably well. Of course the presence of a large amount of soot and dirt required them to be thoroughly cleaned when they were replaced in the greenhouses, but the attraction they afforded to the people in the immediate neighborhood and all passers-by fully justified the expense and care that was put in this park. It is the intention of the park authorities during the coming season to make, more largely than ever, a show park of these two little squares, so that it may be more attractive than ever before.

The bases of the monuments of both Harrison and Garfield were thoroughly cleaned by the park authorities this year, which added to their appearance very much. It is to be hoped that sufficient funds can be spared this year, so that the bronzes may also be cleaned off, which will give them a clean and fresh appearance.

## Matters in General

The drought of the past summer has been something unparalleled in this part of the country, and the parks have suffered more or less, but at the present time we are unable

to say just how much, as it continued late in the fall until the foliage had all left the trees and shrubs; but much fear is expressed that we will find a great deal of the smaller shrubbery and trees in a very weak and damaged condition from the severe winter we have had so far.

The sparrow pest is still the cause of great damage in our city parks. Nothing seems to drive them off, and as to their being insectivorous, there is certainly a mistake, as the trees which they take possession of, and in which they build their nests, are the ones most infested. Very determined efforts have been made to drive them off, and will still be continued, as they are increasing very rapidly.

As stated before in this report, an extensive nursery for the growing of young stock should be kept up. This need not be a very costly investment in the first start, as ground necessary to keep these trees in good growing shape can be taken from park land without much trouble. Burnet Woods is well adapted to this, having a fine, natural, free soil, and the class of hardy trees which are necessary in the parks can be transplanted much easier coming from this soil than if they had been brought from different locations outside of the city.

This department wishes to thank your honorable Board for the kind attention it has received during the year, and for the almost daily visitation of some one or other of the members of the Board, which has enabled them to see almost daily what is being done in the way of improvements in the parks.

The Superintendent also wishes to thank the Assistant Superintendent and others of the park employees for the efficient manner in which they have carried out the different parts which have been assigned to them.

It is hoped the present legislature will furnish us with sufficient sums to finish the two larger parks completely, that they may be pointed to by any one, whether home people or visitors, as being two of the most beautiful, if they are not the largest, parks in this part of the country.

The appropriation asked for this year was reduced somewhat, but it is hoped assistance will come from some source to give us a handsome and complete park system.

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. CRITCHELL,

DECEMBER 31, 1901.

Superintendent of Parks.

# Eden Park (Luray Point) Improvement Fund.

#### RECEIPTS.

On July 23, 1901, the Board of Public Service received a letter	
inclosing a check for	\$1,000 00
This amount having been donated by the following-named	
citizens and firms to beautify what was known as the old	
baseball park on Luray Avenue:	

Total	\$1,000	~
C. F. Holstein	150 (	00
L. P. Hazen & Co	100 (	ю
The King Powder Co	250	00
C. F. Lunkenheimer	250 (	00
S. & C. Chase	250 (	00

The whole of this money was expended under the direction of the park authorities in the improvement of this part of the park. Details of this work will be found below.

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

### Payroll (Teams, Carts, and Laborers)—

Week endin	g August	15,	1901	93	20
66	"	22,	1901	134	55
"	66	29,	1901	128	60
"	September	٠ 5,	1901	117	40
"	"	12,	1901,	108	60
**	"	19,	1901	I 1 2	60
46	44	26,	1901	109	80
"	October	3,	1901	93	40
44	66	10,	1901	87	00
46	44	17,	1901	14	85

\$1,000 00

## Fall Festival (Washington Park) Restoration Fund.

#### RECEIPTS.

On October 7, 1901, the Board of Public Service received from the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association a check for ......

This being the amount estimated as necessary to restore Washington Park to its former condition after having been used by said association during the month of September, 1901, the understanding being that if the whole of the amount was not needed the unused balance would be returned. The work of restoration has been under the direction of the park authorities. A detailed statement of the fund is given below.

\$611 55

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Payrolls of the foreman and laborers employed in spading, plowing, grading, sowing grass-seed, spreading fertilizer, covering roads with crushed		
stone, etc	<b>24</b> 9	78
Paid J. M. McCullough's Sons, for grass-seed and		
fertilizer	50	75
Paid J. Chas. McCullough, for grass-seed	16	25
Paid The Rucker Stone Co., for crushed stone	38	81
Total expense to December 31, 1901	355	59
Voucher in favor of the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association was passed on October 24, 1901, for		
unexpended balance of	186	22
Balance on hand in fund on December 31, 1901, to pay expenses in the spring of 1902 for finishing		
the work	69	74
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# PARK FUND.

## RECEIPTS FOR 1901.

Balance on hand January 1, 1901	808 44,486	81
refreshment privileges	338	-
sale of flowers and impoundage fees	16	96
Total	\$45,650	67
Expenditures during 1901.		
Payrolls	32,839	22
Blacksmithing and wagon and buggy repairs	88	75
Brooms, brushes, mops, soap, and matches	28	
Castings, stove repairs, etc	83	53
Cement fountain, steps, and walks	422	26
Feed	707	II
Fence	I 2	10
Flower-pots, labels, etc	168	47
Fountain-jets	23	35
Fuel	309	о8
Grading Johnson Park and Luray-Avenue Point (Eden Park).	2,384	20
Hardware and tools	354	61
Harness repairs	77	75
Horseshoeing	215	75
Horse-keep, veterinary surgeon, and medicine	253	30
Horse-covers, lap-robe, and horse-bedding	I 2	50
Horses	570	00
Hose	7	00
Ice	10	50
Incidentals — Cash paid by Superintendent for various small		
bills, express charges, postage, street-car tickets, etc	66	88
Insecticide and fertilizer	90	50
Insurance	65	25
Light (greenhouse)	70	76
Lumber	429	85
Amount carried forward	\$39,291	<del></del>

Amount brought forward	39,291	49
Painting sash	5	00
Paints, glass, oil, and turpentine	171	61
Plants, trees, seed, and bulbs	754	07
Plumbing, pipe, and fittings	275	о6-
Repairs to steam roller	13	05
Repairs to music-stand (Eden Park)	290	14
Retaining-walls	730	88
Roofing-paper	10	35
Rubber boots,	8	75
Sand, gravel, sewer-pipe, and cement	254	79
Soil, sod, earth, and manure	690	79
Stone (crushed, for roads, and stone for wall; also hauling)	498	86
Street sprinkling	407	13
Sinking fund and interest	1,840	00
Sundry Vouchers—Stationery, newspaper, periodicals, florists' directory, cotton-batting, ribbon for wreath, blue prints, magnifying-glass, etc., twine, clock-rental, repairs to type-writer, city directory, printing reports, and photographs		
of Washington Park	107	38
Telephones and patrol-boxes	281	82
Vaults cleaned	19	50
Total	\$45,650	67

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## PARK DEPARTMENT

CINCINNATI, O., January 1, 1903.

To the Honorable Board of Public Service, Cincinnati, O.:

### GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honor to submit to you the annual report of receipts and expenditures for the Park Department for the year 1902, and a review of the work done in the parks under your direction.

The limited amount of funds appropriated for parks yearly necessarily keeps them in about the same shape as they have been, with the exception of betterments and improvements that have been made by the economical handling of the park fund, and the carrying out of the general idea planned in the first year of the service of your board. It has been the aim of this department to finish up much of the work that had been left over by former park boards as funds were available. I am satisfied that a review of the work done will show that the idea of the plan has been fully carried out in the work in the parks, especially in Eden, which will be described more fully, under the head of "Eden Park," later in this report.

The city parks are being used more and more each season, and there is a greater call for additional park land on account of the crowded condition of the small area of city parks. Washington and Lincoln parks are of afternoons and evenings, when it is possible to be out of doors, in an almost crowded condition. Washington especially is very much crowded every night during the open season of the parks. Lincoln Park in the evening is patronized very largely, and there is necessity for a very large increase in the number of park benches in both Lincoln and Washington. smaller down-town parks - the two Garfield blocks and Hopkins Park—have but a very small capacity for seating and benches, consequently have been kept more as little show-parks and breathing-places than any thing else. We have been able to keep the grass, trees, and plants in these smaller parks in very good condition the past year, on account of a very favorable growing season for one thing. No changes have been made in the down-town parks more than the occasional planting of trees, which became necessary as the old ones died out, as was the case in Washington, especially where it has been used for the Fall Festival. While I am satisfied that the use of the park for Fall Festival purposes each year is in a short time going to become a permanent detriment to the trees, so far we have been able to keep the old forest-trees growing, and by additional planting keep up the growth of young trees. The constant fertilizing and digging-over each year of Washington Park has enabled us to keep the park in a really first-class condition for such an unfavorable locality as it is in. trees did very well the entire year, and the grass was in fine condition until, as before stated, it was taken by the Fall Festival, which has resulted in a complete tearing-up of the park each year.

It is a question for your board to decide whether the

continuing of the Fall-Festival occupancy of Washington Park will be a feasible thing where the growth of grass and foliage is so very hard to keep up. Under the new proposed park system, with additional play-grounds, this question, we hope, can be settled by providing, in the future plan of parks, some place which can be given up to outside affairs when it becomes necessary to do so, so as not to interfere with the present plan of down-town parks.

The necessity year by year for additional parks is shown by the increasing population in the vicinity of the parks, caused by the almost total abandonment of the lower parts of the city to the railroads and business houses. some years ago the thickly-populated part of the city was along the lower streets and river fronts, there is now to be found hardly a family living thereabouts. They have been pushing further back into the city, and the tenement-houses in the vicinity of the parks are now in a very crowded condition, and growing more so every year, showing that additional down-town parks must be very soon secured, before the property becomes of such value as to almost stop the purchase of any additional park properties in the lower part of the city. Several propositions have come up to your honorable board as to the extension of parks, but as yet every thing depends upon the bond issue for park extension.

The \$50,000 appropriation had this year under the Longworth bill was really a grand help to the parks as they stood, and enabled the Park Department to carry out many of the much-needed improvements that have been under way for the last twenty years by the different park commissions.

Taking up the parks in detail, the first-

## Eden Park

A great deal of the work that was laid out originally by the old park commissioners and their different successors has been completed, and the coming season will show Eden Park very near the completion that was the ideal of the commissioners years ago.

There are several improvements now under way and in course of construction for the finishing up of Eden Park that will make this handsome park as fine, if not finer, than any of the parks in the country. The landscape possibilities of Eden Park are not excelled anywhere in the United States, and by carrying out, as this department has endeavored to do, and following one general plan, we hope that within a very short time we will be able to show Eden Park as a finished piece of work.

The almost completed work of the Luray-avenue extension is very much admired, and your board has been highly complimented on all sides, both by people at home and on the outside, on the handsome appearance the park is now making. As before said, the coming season will show the Luray-avenue improvement complete in all its details, with the exception of some minor items in the way of waterfalls and pumps.

The Park Department has at the present time under way, and partially completed in some respects, a music-stand, a new show greenhouse, a spring-house, and a very extensive system of sewerage, the latter being nearly finished. There has been laid in Eden Park in the past season over three thousand feet of new sewers, ranging from fifteen inches to about six inches. The large fifteen-inch sewer had to be laid for the purpose of furnishing the proper drainage for the improved piece of fancy gardening near the greenhouse and

the boiler-pits, made necessary by the remodeling of the greenhouses. This sewer was laid some twelve feet under ground through solid rock, which made it very expensive. It is connected-up with the general trunk-sewerage system of the park, giving perfect drainage for the lower places.

The new show greenhouse will show to advantage the very handsome collection of plants belonging to the city. We pride ourselves in calling attention to the fact that the greenhouse has no superior between Pittsburg and Chicago. It is complete in all its details, and was built on a very economical plan, and the extension into the large greenhouses of the former greenhouse plant gives a fine working plant, as well as a showhouse. An improved system of steam-heating was installed in the greenhouse, so, with an addition of over sixteen thousand feet of glass, it requires no additional cost in fuel.

The attendance in Eden Park has increased so now that there is noted on Sunday afternoons at the concerts as many as ten thousand people in the park the entire afternoon and evening, and every warm night brings immense crowds to the park to enjoy what they can always find on the riverhills—a cooling breeze—which, with the addition of the finest and coolest spring-water to be found, makes the park very attractive and a much-sought-for place.

The buildings in the park have been all put, as far as possible, in first-class condition. Nearly twenty-seven hundred feet of cement curb and gutter have been laid in the park. The roads have been well kept up, and with the opening of the new Luray-avenue drive, which will take place in the coming season, the panoramic view up and down the Ohio River and over to Kentucky and the Highlands can not be surpassed by any thing in the country.

One regret this department has is that people go away to visit different cities, then come back and bemoan the fact that Cincinnati has no park system any thing like Chicago or some other large place. When questioned as to what they know about Eden Park or other Cincinnati parks, many of them acknowledge that they have not been in the parks for five years, and many only passed through on the street-cars, and in fact know nothing about what we have in Cincinnati. But that feeling is fast disappearing as people begin to appreciate the fact that we have parks here at home as well as other cities.

The recovery from the dump of the strip on Gilbert Avenue has made a pleasing and very necessary little park on that much-traveled avenue, so that thousands of our citizens see some part of our park system every day as they go backward and forward to their various avocations.

There still remains to be done in Eden Park a very considerable work, and by adhering to the original plan, and working whenever funds are available, it will be but a short time before they are perfectly finished.

The storm of May 20th of this year did considerable damage to quite a number of the sharp slopes in the park, and almost obliterated some of the roads. This has been remedied, so far as possible, in the refinishing of the roads, but the Fulton-avenue slopes on both sides will need a considerable expenditure to get them back into the shape they were before this very severe storm.

A large amount of planting has been done in this park, and considerable attention has been paid to the location and the kinds of trees, so that the display of foliage and shrubbery here will be equal to any thing in the country. The plants growing in the greenhouse up to the first of the year were showing very successfully. The new greenhouse will not be finished in time to take very much advantage of it in this way, but it will be finished later in the spring complete. At the time of the making of this report over one hundred thousand bedding-plants are under way for the planting at the different parks. Very little has been spent by your board on any thing in the way of plants and seeds compared to what has been spent in former years and by other park systems, but our collection of plants, and the numbers, show that the greenhouse management has been good.

The rough hillside facing Gilbert Avenue, under the direction of the Art Museum, is still in the same shape as in former years. The Art Museum directors have done nothing whatever except to have the weeds cut, and negotiations have failed in getting them to transfer to the city this property so that it can be improved under park management.

The cement walk proposed in a former report has been laid on Gilbert Avenue on the entire west side—some two thousand feet in length—which is a great addition to the new improvement now finished, and is largely used.

As stated in former reports, the integrity of the parklines is still an open matter, and a wall showing these lines should be built. It is a much-needed improvement, in the northern end of the park more especially, as the walls should be built there on account of the flat-buildings which are going up right on the park-line, necessitating the use of the park as a means of going in and out to their property.

No accidents of a serious nature of any kind have occurred in this park during the past year. The legislation on the subject of automobiles passed by the Board of Legislation is detrimental to the use of park-roads, and it is hoped by the Park Department that some modification may be made to this rule governing speed, which at the present high rate will sooner or later result in serious accidents here.

This little park is very much used, and shows

Forkins the necessity of these small parks through
park out the city. It is in a thickly-populated

part of the city, and on every pleasant evening is crowded with people. The little fountain and flower-beds, of course, add to the beauty of the park, and are much enjoyed by the people who visit it. There is nothing in the way of improvements or betterments that can be done here with the exception of a much-needed sidewalk on Saunders and Bigelow streets. The appropriation for finishing park-work has become entirely used up. This defect will undoubtedly be remedied the coming season.

Burnet of the park system. Its name—Burnet

Woods Woods—expresses exactly what it is, and

nothing more. The roads in this woods park
are in poor condition, and will need considerable resurfacing
on account of several severe storms which have cut them
badly because of the steep grades. The resurfacing of same
at the present time will be very costly on account of the
great demand for all kinds of building material and stone.
Arrangements will be made, though, the coming summer to
resurface these roads and put them in proper shape. The
cement sidewalk asked for in last year's report was built
with part of the \$50,000 of the park improvement fund, and

extends from the main building of the University the entire length of the park, nearly three quarters of a mile. This is a very much-needed improvement, and is highly appreciated by the people who have occasion to use this avenue.

The grading in front of the University on Clifton Avenue was carried on through the entire summer and fall, but at the present time is still in a very rough state. The grand stairway is not yet finished, but the University directors claim it will be finished in the early spring.

The athletic grounds laid out by the University have been fenced in after a severe struggle in the courts as to whether the University had the right or not to fence up any park property. One court decided that they had; still another court decided they had no right. The matter is still open, and will no doubt be settled satisfactorily to all parties in time.

There is much ground in Burnet Woods that is not utilized as it should be for park purposes, but the very extensive system of hills and hollows composing the southern end of Burnet Woods makes it a costly affair to take hold of in any way, so nothing has been done as yet to bring out this piece of ground spoken of in former reports. Suggestions have been made, but the improvements so far, as stated above, have been too costly for our little park fund, and the money secured under the Longworth act (\$50,000) was used to better advantage in other parts of the park where more needed.

The management of the University take very poor care of the ground under their charge, and if roads are kept in repair or weeds and grass cut the Park Department has to pay for same, though the grant to the University obligates them to keep the grounds up at their own expense.

The grading of the west side of Hopson Street has been kept up continually, and the contractor is now almost far enough back from the street to begin to make the slope. When this slope is made and brought to a proper grade it is going to make this entrance to the park a very handsome affair.

The new stable in Burnet Woods to be erected on this street will be a much-needed improvement, as the old one is past repairs. Bids for the work on same have already been advertised for, and as soon as the stable is built the St. Clair-street entrance will be graded into shape for another entrance there near the foot of the lake.

A plan for a new shelter-house was submitted to your board, but on investigation was found to be too costly, and plans of a modified nature are now being prepared.

Burnet Woods is getting to be more popular every year as a place for picnics, showing that the people appreciate the breathing-places that the city provides for them. There are no more handsome grounds in the country than can be found on the summits of the hills in Burnet Woods, and they are always cool and pleasant. The skating last winter was very much enjoyed, and lasted for some two weeks. The trees in the entire woods did better this past year than they have done for a number of years, and most of the old and shaky trees have now been taken out. The young trees that have been planted are doing well. The beech forest here is still in its full beauty, and the groups of oak-trees of different varieties on the tops of the slopes are beginning to assume very handsome proportions.

The electric-lighting of the park, as stated in former reports, is very poor, but under the new system an additional number of lamps will be furnished, which will do away with this fault.

The old buildings in this park are past repairs, but the new ones under way will take their place, when they will be torn down and put out of the way. Concerts in the park, as usual, have been very largely attended on the Saturday half-holidays, which allow the people an opportunity to have a very pleasant time for a few hours and listen to the very high class of music furnished under the Groesbeck Endowment Fund. The concerts this year have numbered twelve, and we have not had one rainy Saturday during the season.

The public golf-links have been almost abandoned. People playing golf would much sooner play on private grounds for that purpose; and while the golf-links are still there for those who wish to play, still they are patronized very sparingly. The Clifton Golf Club, being directly opposite the woods, induces most golf enthusiasts to go there to play. The new athletic grounds which have been established by the University will no doubt in time be used for all athletic purposes, which will do away entirely with golf-playing in the park.

This fine piece of park property in the

Cincoln thickly-settled part of the city is patronized

Park yearly more and more. The beauty of the

lake, the fancy bedding, and the cool fresh
air in breathing-places of this size directly in the city draw
very largely to them. The past season has been one which
has kept the grass and trees in good shape the entire summer. There is still needed in this park a very large outfit

of benches, as most of them are constructed on an old style, and we have not been able financially to replace them with iron. The boys who frequent the park seem to take especial delight in finding a weak bench, and then they get on the bench and finish it up before they leave it. The flower-beds have been planted and kept up in handsome shape. The lake was largely patronized by people who like rowing and boating.

As stated in former reports, a new tool-house is needed here, and arrangements must be made for more urinals and larger toilet-rooms. In the new proposed park extension this park certainly should have an additional block added to it for a public play-ground. Council and the governing parties of the city have fully recognized the necessity for park extension, and there is no question at all but what this will be one of the parks where additions will be made. The lines and laying out of beds and walks in this park are fixtures, and therefore we can only arrange and keep them in good condition.

This is one of the most-used parks, and 
Washington remains as popular as ever. The trees and 
Park foliage in this park, as stated before, suffer 
largely each year through the Fall Festival 
taking possession of the park during the month of September, but by constant fertilizing and a very thorough system of 
watering we have been enabled to keep it in what might be 
called, for a city park, first-class condition, and every effort 
has been made to beautify it also.

As before stated, the granting to the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association the use of this park is more and more criticised every year. The gentlemen composing this associ-

ation do all in their power to take care of and preserve the trees and flower-beds, but the tramping of thousands of people over the beds and lawns makes it very hard to get it up into shape before the middle of the next season, and just at the time when the park is at its best it has to be turned over to them again to be used as a tramping-place for the 150,000 or 200,000 people who visit the Fall Festival during the time that it runs.

The Festival Association has attempted to remedy this by depositing a guarantee fund to secure the city against all damages; but it does not make any difference how large the guarantee is, it will not replace the dead trees, which are bound to come sooner or later if the park is turned over to them each year.

This department understands from the Fall Festival Association that they intend during the coming year to use only a very small part of the park. If so, it will be to its advantage.

On account of the cool weather last summer the parks were not kept open after 11 o'clock, as the experiment tried the year before on extremely hot nights was not found to be a success, and entailed considerable expense on the Park Department for the detailing of police for this night-work.

But little can be said about fhese two small

Garfield blocks of ground between Elm and Vine

Park streets. As before stated, on account of the

favorable season the grass and trees in these
parks made excellent growth, and the little breathing-places
presented a very handsome appearance during the summer.

Bringing large plants from the Eden-Park greenhouses and distributing them through these parks gives them a

very bright and attractive appearance. When the new greenhouses are finished it will enable us to bring down larger plants, which will make a beautiful palm garden, and will attract a still larger number of people who go there on account of the presence of the plants. The experiment of bringing the plants down and using them in the city parks has been so far a success. The plants have not been damaged, and not a single one was broken or stolen from Garfield Park during the entire season. As stated in last year's report, both the bronze statues-Harrison and Garfield-will very soon have to be cleaned. There is an accumulation of greasy soot on both that destroys the beauty of these handsome monuments. There is no question at all that the placing of the Harrison statute in Garfield Park was a mistake, on account of its great size and the cramped surroundings, but it is there, and likely to remain there for years to come. The cleaning of the bronzes being very costly, and a job that must be done by a thorough artist, is the reason that the work has not been taken up by the Park Department. The experiment made in cleaning the Tyler-Davidson fountain has proved to be a perfect success, showing that the hue and cry that was raised by persons in the city against the cleaning of bronze statues was out of place. is hoped that there will come a season when sufficient funds can be secured to enable us to hire an artist who can take hold of and clean these two handsome statues.

The favorable season just passed, as heretomatters fore remarked in this report, has enabled the
in General Park Department to keep the parks in fine
condition. In fact, the liberal rainfall during
the season entailed a large additional expense on account

of the constant mowing necessary in the parks. A thing seldom seen happened in October of last year, when it was almost time for frost to set in. It was necessary to go through the entire park system—a great many places with scythe-mowers—and cut down the rank growth of grass, and in some places around the fancy bedding near the greenhouses the last mowing was done up to as late as the first of November.

There has been a very large increase of bird-life in the city parks, especially in the two larger ones — Eden and Burnet Woods. People living in the vicinity of the parks say that at no time since the parks were established has there been such a number and variety of native birds as now frequent the parks, which accounts largely for the decrease in insect life which has for years been destroying the foliage.

The pest of the seventeen-year locusts was only felt in one park—namely, Burnet Woods—and the suburbs around, and so thick were they that the noise sounded like the blowing-off of steam from a sawmill. The sparrows, wonderful to relate, attacked the locusts and destroyed great numbers of them. The busy little squirrels lived almost entirely on them for over four weeks. The pest left us almost as rapidly as it came. The locusts put in their appearance in about five or eight days, and departed in the same way after remaining nearly four weeks. Except in some of the soft-wooded trees, where they accumulated in numbers on the branches, causing the limbs to bend down, they appeared to do no great damage.

The outfit of appliances for the park — horses, wagons, rolling-stock, and every thing in the way of implements used in park-work—are all in very good order, and of suffi-

cient number for all necessary work. The horses belonging to the parks are all fine and handsome animals, and we have been fortunate this year in not having any accident or loss in the stock belonging to this department.

The help given by the \$50,000 bond issue under the Longworth bill has enabled the Park Department to add very much to the beauty of the parks, and with the remaining balance still in that fund it is hoped that all improvements contemplated in that bond issue can be fully carried out.

The cutting down each year of the park funds has pinched the Park Department so that further betterments and extensions can not be made. The improvements made in the parks in the way of additional lawns, flower-beds, etc., necessitates a large number of caretakers to keep the same in order, and further betterments will only increase the running expenses of the parks. It is hoped that the Finance Committee can see their way clear next year to be a little more liberal, as the number of caretakers and help necessarily increases each year the parks are advanced, and it leaves the parks in a crippled condition for further betterments of any kind unless the funds are increased in proportion as the parks advance.

As stated in several reports previous to this, the necessity of a young growing stock of trees being kept up is becoming more and more apparent, as it is very hard to bring from foreign nurseries trees and shrubbery to take the place of those which are constantly failing. The trees brought from a distance and transferred to a different soil are very hard to get acclimated and accustomed to the change, while had we a small thriving nursery the trees which were not used one year would only be growing larger for the second year, when

they could be lifted and replanted in a few hours, and the chances of saving them would be largely increased.

It is hoped that during the coming season the University will be enabled in some way to either secure money, or get possession of the fund that was raised some years ago, for the purpose of planting and beautifying their grounds in the front. The grading which is to be finished this coming fall and winter will have a very bare appearance, and not be much credit to the University unless something is done in the way of planting.

We wish to thank your honorable board for the kind attention and courtesies rendered this department during the year, and the very frequent visits of the different members of the board, both on business and in passing through the park, as the board seems to understand very thoroughly the needs and necessities of constant supervision over these improvements.

The regular park employees have served in an efficient manner, and we have a number that now would be very hard to replace with outside help from anywhere.

The agitation about the extension of the park system, the issue of a million dollars in bonds for such purpose, and the establishing of play-grounds is now in the hands of the governing bodies, and no doubt will be carried to a finish this coming summer. We will then be able to boast of one of the finest park systems in the country.

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. CRITCHELL,

Superintendent of Parks.

# PARK FUND

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" sale of horse	16 5	50
" refreshment privileges	321 0	00
" sale of lead and copper	53 0	οı
Total	\$42,062 2	- 27 -
EXPENDITURES.		
Payrolls	31,862	20
Sinking fund and interest	1,840	
Blacksmithing and wagon repairs	111 1	II
Bench repairs	12 8	80
Brushes and brooms	7 9	95
Feed	732	36
Flower-pots, labels, etc	184 (	
Fertilizers	27 2	23
Fuel	331 9	93
Grading	1,339	40
Hardware, tools, etc	186 8	85
Horseshoeing	187	55
Horse-keep	172	12
Harness repairs	33 3	20
Horses	495	00
Hogchains	5 !	50
Hose and couplings	133	45
Horse-bedding	6 (	00
Horse-covers, whip, etc	20	50
Amount carried forward	\$37,689	18

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Amount brought forward	37,689 18
Incidental expenses	84 76
Insecticide, etc	5 90
Insurance	42 50
Light (greenhouse)	81 37
Lumber	208 39
Medicine for horses	6 20
Music-stands and chairs	39 60
Office	83 08
Oil and turpentine	9 81
Paints, glass, etc.	93 73
Placards	3 50
Plants, trees, shrubs, and seeds	892 46
Patrol-boxes	74 97
Plumbing and repairs	336 98
Repairs to buggy	201 70
Retaining-walls	20 00
Rubber boots	21 45
Ribbon for wreaths	3 50
Repairs to roof	100 65
Sand and gravel	10 64
Sewer-pipe and cement	11 73
Signs	31 00
Salt	14 20
Sod	207 90
Sponges	8 75
Steam-roller repairs	11 57
Street sprinkling	314 62
Stone (crushed)	1,188 44
Stone (wall)	43 42
Stationery	11 95
Telephones	168 00
Thermometer and tape-line	4 25
Veterinary surgeon	15 00
Vault-cleaning	21 00
Balance on hand December 31, 1902	07
Total	\$42,062 27

#### General Fund (Contingent Account)—Ordinance No. 860.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received by reason of above ordinance for the purpose of meeting expenses incurred in repairing and cleaning park roadways after storm of May 20, 1902 ..... \$1,000 00

#### EXPENDITURES.

Payrolls (men employed to clean and repair roads in Eden Park, from June 12th to July 10th, 1902)..... \$1,000 00

Fall Festival (Washington Park) Restoration Fund.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received from the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association, same having been deposited to the credit of the Board of Public Service to cover any damage that might result to Washington Park during the time it was used for festival purposes and to restore same to its former good condition .....

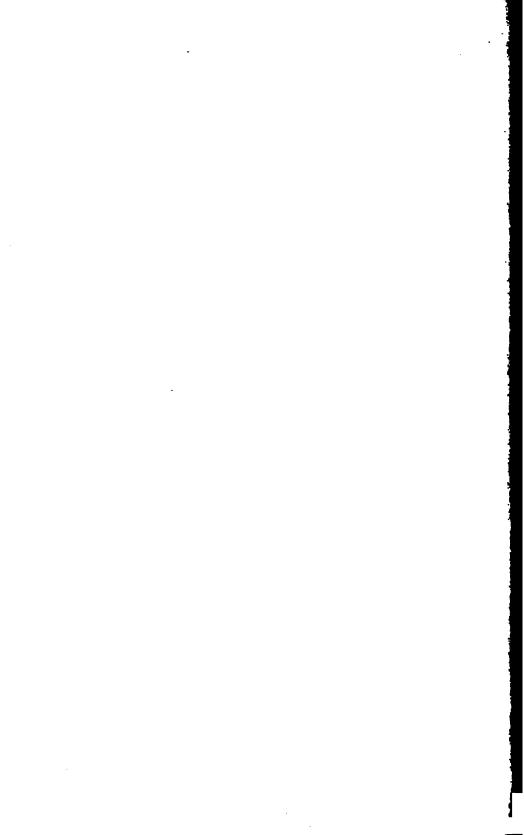
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EXPENDITURES.		
Payrolls (time of men employed in putting Wash-		
ington Park in repair after Fall Festival)	211 89	
George A. Douglass & Co., plumbing repairs	21 40	
J. M. McCullough's Sons, grass-seed	52 50	
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed	15 75	
Adam Yeager, sod	113 45	
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1902, to be expended the ensuir	e spring	\$134 31

# \$50,000 Park Improvement Fund.

#### RECEIPTS.

From sale of Park Improvement Bonds		\$50,000 00
EXPENDITURES.		
Luray-avenue improvement 4,99	0 30	
Grading slopes, repairing and improving park		
drives, etc 5,16	9 1 <b>9</b>	
Sidewalk on west side of Gilbert Avenue (Eden Park) 82	2 40	
Sidewalk on Clifton Avenue (Burnet Woods) 2,20	7 62	
Cliff Drive (Eden Park) 51	7 31	
New show greenhouse (Eden Park) 3,16	8 75	
Sundry incidental expenses 34	4 11	
Improvements to greenhouse (Eden Park) 6,57	9 93	
Total expenditures for year 1902		23,799 61
Balance on hand December 31, 1902		26,200 39
Total		\$50,000 00



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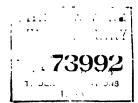
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## PARK DEPARTMENT

CINCINNATI, O., January 1, 1904.

To the Honorable Board of Public Service, Cincinnati, O.:

#### GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honor to submit to you the annual report of receipts and expenditures for the Park Department for the year 1903, also a short review of the work done in the different parks.

The agitation about park extension has, up to this date, reached a stage where Council has authorized the expenditure of one half million of dollars for new parks and the necessary improvements thereon. Under the terms of this ordinance it gives us no money for the betterment of the present park system. The limited appropriation of last year will simply maintain the parks as they are without any means of betterment, and at the same time there will be need of very economical handling to carry the present working force and pay for the absolute necessities to run the parks.

The bond issue two years ago of \$50,000 has enabled this department to finish considerable work laid out by former park boards, and to add a number of betterments to the parks which under the regular appropriations it

would have been impossible to do. Accompanying this report is a detailed statement of the expenditures under the \$50,000 bond issue, showing the balance left for the erection and finishing of the long-needed spring-house in Eden Park and the new boat- and shelter-house in Burnet Woods. These buildings have not as yet been commenced, but sufficient funds remain of this bond issue to complete them according to architect's plans and estimates now in the hands of this department.

The improvements to the park system which have been done under the administration of the present Board of Public Service, I am very proud to say, exceed any thing done before in the entire line of parkwork in this city. It is quite gratifying to see that the public generally appreciates the fact that the Board is doing all it can with the limited resources to make Eden Park one of the beauty spots in the heart of the city. The city is fortunate in being able to have very close to the city, so close as to be reached without use of street cars, a park of so large an area as Eden Park, and the constantly-increasing numbers who visit this park show that the efforts of your Board have been fully appreciated by the people.

The Sunday-afternoon concerts in Eden Park draw every year more and more. These funds are of a perpetual nature, both the Groesbeck Endowment and the Schmidlapp, and the Saturday-afternoon concerts in Burnet Woods and the Sunday concerts in Eden Park are a fixture.

The same question of more down-town parks is coming up constantly with the people, and as a result of the action of Council in authorizing this one half million dollar bond expenditure and the selection of the different sites the matter is now in process of settlement through the courts and the City Solicitor, and will, we hope, by the next report be in such shape as to be included as a part of the park system.

Washington and Lincoln parks are crowded nightly, so much so that it is almost impossible on warm nights to find seating in these parks, and while on the subject of seating the attention of your honorable Board is called to the constant need of more park benches and better seating facilities. The outfit of benches in all the parks has been allowed to run down by age and natural wear and tear without being replenished, until at the present time over three hundred park benches have been lost in the last two years simply from being completely worn out. This matter your honorable Board is requested to take up at as early a date as possible. The same applies to all the outfits, such as tools, etc., in all the parks.

At the time of the inauguration of the earlier parks, in 1861, 1862, and 1863, the park question was only in its infancy, and our grave and wise councilmen of that time looked only to the present. Previous to this time the late Nicholas Longworth tried every means possible, first to get the city to buy parks, and later offering to give them toin fact, almost forcing the gift upon—the city; but the former Councils refused to accept them for fear of loss of taxes. Later on, when they were again tendered to the city free of all cost, the city simply being asked to take them, our venerable councilmen refused the park tender for fear it might be an expense to the city, and these same pieces of property tendered to the city at the time of the late Nicholas Longworth now stand on the tax duplicate for over \$4,000,000. As park systems and parks became more popular, I have no doubt but our wise forefathers regretted the chance they lost of securing all the property on Central Avenue, between Everett Street and Court Street, from Central Avenue as far as Linn Street. This is mentioned to show how park extension has progressed with time and with the people.

In the late report by Mr. Pettigrew, showing increase in value of property adjoining parks in eastern cities (and also western), he says the property adjoining Central Park in New York, after the establishing of the park in almost a wilderness, has added twenty-one million dollars to the tax duplicate, and the increasing values of property adjoining this park have more than three times paid the cost of the improvement.

The same example applies to the parks of all the large western cities. The abutting property on Chicago parks and boulevards has been increased more than ten times the original cost of the parks, and the cost of maintenance of the parks in their present state has been more than twenty times paid for by the value added and paid in taxes on the abutting property. The same rule applies to all the eastern cities. In Philadelphia the extension and completion of Fairmount Park added a value to abutting property of more than sixteen per cent. Many other instances of same increase of values can be cited.

The new property selected by the Park Committee of Council, when added to the down-town parks, will do much to relieve the present crowded condition of these small parks, and the councilmen have certainly shown a wise selection in the localities designated for new parks. It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements can be made through the court and otherwise to secure this property, so it can be brought into the park system within the next twelve months.

The eliminating of the unsightly Hunt-street dump and the property between will give the city the property between Gilbert Avenue and Hunt Street and Elsinore Avenue and Florence Avenue, and will add an immense tract, as it were, to the down-town portion of the parks; and this property (in the neighborhood of twenty-one acres) lies within half a mile of the most congested part of the city, a part occupied almost entirely by tenements and flat-buildings, where children have no opportunity to play anywhere except in the cramped-up areas and courts and the public streets. Within a radius of half a mile of this park, on one side, over sixty thousand people at present live.

There are several matters which we would like very much to bring before the attention of your Board, and one is the necessity of having a supply of trees on hand which could be moved from time to time to supply the loss going on in the large down-town parks, and for the replanting necessary to take the place of trees failing in the larger parks outside. Then there is also the matter of new plumbing, and the necessary repairs and painting of buildings in all the parks. The question of keeping up the park shelter-houses, closets, etc., has been neglected until now it becomes a crying necessity that these should have immediate attention.

The light in Washington Park is of a very defective order, more on account of the sparse number of electric lights located in the park. The safety of the park from vandalism depends largely on the proper lighting of the same, and if possible the lighting in Washington Park and Lincoln Park should be more than doubled to what it is at present. What few lamps there are in these parks are so hidden by the trees and foliage of same that all the outer

parts of the parks are in complete darkness; that, coupled with the very weak police force in the park, gives the rougher element an opportunity to carry out their schemes and vandalism undetected, and the introduction of more light would greatly minimize this trouble.

The Fall Festival this year left Washington Park in a worse condition than ever before, on account of the large number of almost permanent structures which were located in the park; but from close investigation the trees and shrubbery seem to have been damaged but little, the walks and grass being the principal sufferers. At the time of the writing of this report the Fall Festival Association have decided not to hold any Fall Festival this year, and it is doubtful if it will again be taken up for some years. The park has been thoroughly fertilized and seeded over, which will no doubt bring the grass to its former beauty, and the walks were simply a question of money and labor which the Fall Festival Association have given, as will be seen by the official report of money estimated as necessary to replace all damages paid over by them to the Board of Public Service. Now, as to the parks in detail, commencing with-

Not much can be said more than was stated in last year's report, as the additional money of the bond issue was expended, and the yearly appropriation left nothing for any thing more than the keeping-up of the park. remains yet to be done, and which will be finished this present season, the completing of the Cliff Drive, and it is hoped early in the spring the new spring-house will be finished. The sewerage in this park and all the older work is in a very deficient condition, and as a result a

heavy downfall of rain does an immense amount of damage here, as the drains and culverts are not of sufficient capacity to carry off the water. The system of sewerage in this park as laid down by the original projector, Mr. Adolph Straus, was well-suited and of sufficient capacity, but through dissensions between the former Waterworks Commissioners and the Park Commissioners several of these sewers were blocked and abandoned, for what reason is not known, but it results in this damage from overflows. We hope that your Board may take this matter of sewerage into serious consideration, so that with the completion of the new waterworks and the closing of one of the reservoirs a system of sunken Italian gardens can be carried out, which, if attempted under the present system, would likely be overflowed after each rain.

The steep slopes of the hillsides of Fulton Avenue must be improved by a system of drainage, with under-drains to keep the slopes from constantly slipping, which they do at the present time. The piece of Italian-garden work in the vicinity of the new park greenhouse was voted and considered a great success last year, and this department can refer with great pride to the large number of compliments that were passed on the great change from the former stone piles and dumping-grounds to the present condition of the grounds. As stated before, the reclaiming and adding of additional grounds requires additional attention and help, which has not so far been provided for in our salary The cost of keeping up this park will increase fund. each year as improvements go on, and the benefit derived by the public from these betterments will, we are satisfied, fully justify a much larger expenditure of money for this purpose.

The new greenhouse and the plants have been very much admired, and the growth of the plant collection has been of a very successful order, which is attested to by the increasing number of visitors at the greenhouse. A chrysanthemum show of fair proportions was held last fall, and with the arrangements which have been made this season it will be one worth going quite a distance to see. been the plan of this department to keep up a constant change of plants and flowers in the greenhouses, so that visitors there do not tire of seeing the same plants and flowers growing. Every thing in season has been grown in a measure, and the coming year it will be made very much better. The entire lot of plants needed for all the park planting of the city, amounting to over one quarter of a million plants, were grown at the park greenhouses with the addition of only two more helpers than was formerly employed under the old system, including the outside gardening.

As stated before, there remains to be done in Eden Park an immense amount of work, and if the plans partially laid out can in time be perfectly finished it will make this one of the most handsome parks in the country; but the keeping-up of hillside parks and parks with sharp slopes, such as are all of the city system, is a very expensive affair, and when compared to the amount of money appropriated for other parks in cities of similar size no fair comparison can be made. The amount of money appropriated for keeping-up the park system in Cincinnati is the smallest of any large city in the country, and we have all the obstacles before stated to contend against.

No accidents of a serious nature have occurred in this park since last report. As stated in last year's message, the legislation passed by Council granting unlimited speed to automobiles through the park has resulted in several bad scares, but no bad accident. This unlimited speed has been the cause of several quite serious runaways to people driving through the park, but has resulted so far in no danger to life or limb.

The question of poor lighting facilities in Eden Park needs consideration from your Board at once. The sharp turns of the roads where electric lights are located are almost entirely hidden by the foliage of the trees, and parties driving with any speed on the roads are liable to come in collision on almost all of the quick turns on account of the darkness. The lighting of this park should be at least twice what it is at the present time.

Nothing much can be said about this little Fopkins Park { park. It is largely appreciated by the people who live in that part of the city, being kept up with flowerbeds as usual;

but, as stated in the general review of the parks, new plumbing is necessary all through this park, and new sidewalks on all sides.

The donor of Hopkins Park, Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins, has passed to the Great Beyond, and I recommend to your Board that a tablet or stone of some kind be erected in the park, stating that the park was given to the citizens of Cincinnati by Lewis C. Hopkins, and that it was a freewill gift, without conditions of any kind except that the city should always maintain and keep it up as a park, properly fenced and planted with trees and shrubbery.

### Burnet Woods

As stated in last year's report, the roads in this park are in poor condition, and we have been unable to secure the necessary funds to put them in good shape. A new

shelter- and boat-house has been provided for this park, and will be finished at an early date in the spring.

The old trees in this park are standing very well, and the plan that was tried of replacing all the rotten leaves around the roots of the old forest-trees has had a very beneficial effect, and it is gratifying to see that but few of the old monarchs of the forest have failed. There is no finer original forest in this part of the country than is shown in this little tract of 169 acres.

The southern end occupied by the University is still in the same state of wildness that existed ever since the University took possession of the forty-three acres. have done considerable work in grading the front of the University down to Clifton Avenue, and have put in a very costly entrance and stairway; but the rear of the University and the part north from the University buildings to the line deeded to them by the city have had no care whatever, and they employ only one man to look after the mowing, cutting weeds, and tending the whole forty-three acres of grounds. The Directors of the University have promised from time to time to take better care of these grounds, but since the improvement of the front of the University proper no attempt has been made in any form or shape to even clean or police the grounds. This piece of property, which cost the city over \$100,000, is simply left by the University people to grow up in weeds and grass. No attempt has been made to lay out roads nor beautify the grounds in any way, as they are required to do under the grant that was made to them by the city.

Burnet Woods is now one of the most popular places for school or small outing picnics. The playground there is so arranged that the children can have free and unlimited use of that section and plenty of room. The boating on the lake is being patronized more and more each year, and a new electric launch has been placed on the lake by the party who secured the concession for boating at Burnet Woods. In regard to the question of light in this park, commented on in previous reports, matters have not been improved any by the new system.

The grading of Hopson Street has been delayed by the contractor until the matter is now in the hands of the legal authorities for the purpose of canceling the contract held by the city with him, and this will necessitate the reletting of same to some other party, or else the city with a sufficient number of helpers will finish the work.

The concerts in this park are very popular, and being on the half holiday of the week allow the people the spare time to visit this beautiful woods and listen to the music furnished under the Groesbeck Endowment Fund. The concerts last year numbered twelve, and we were fortunate in not having one Saturday afternoon during the whole season marred by rain.

The public golf links in Burnet Woods have been almost a complete failure. Golfplaying is a sport which is indulged in by only the aristocratic class of people, and with but very few exceptions all golfplayers belong to some regularly organized golf club. The limited area of Burnet Woods does not allow the golfplayers an opportunity to exercise their cult without being a serious hinderance to the hundreds that go there for picnic purposes. One or two citizens have come to the front and offered to keep up

these links at their own expense, but it was the sense of your Board (and we think it wise) that the exclusive use to golfplayers of any part of Burnet Woods would be an injustice to the people for whom the parks were established.

#### **Lincoln Park**

Nothing much can be said regarding Lincoln Park, more than that it is one of the very-much-needed parks of the city. It is largely patronized by the public and

has been kept in good shape. Benches are badly needed in this park. The lake is much used by the people who like rowing and boating. As stated in former reports, a new tool-house, shelter-house, urinals, and toiletrooms are badly needed here.

#### Washington Park

This much-used park remains as popular as ever. The trees and shrubbery have not suffered as much this year from the effects of the Fall Festival as in former

years. The park has been thoroughly dug over and fertilized, as before stated, and it is hoped that it will recuperate from the trampling of the feet of thousands who visited the Fall Festival. By careful examination of the trees it is thought that very few, if any, were lost from use by the Fall Festival, and as it is not the intention to use this park again next year for such purpose it will be very much to its advantage.

Another very pertinent matter is the proper toilet and urinal facilities necessary in this park. The present provisions for these necessities are so crude they can hardly be called of any use whatever. It is absolutely necessary that this matter be taken up at an early date, both for the

comfort of the people who live in the vicinity and for those who frequent the park.

Garfield Park

Not much can be said more than has been said in former reports. The boundaries are fixed in these parks, and the keepingup of the grass and trees is the main necessity in these two little spots. The plan of bringing down from Eden-Park greenhouses a display of palms and other foliage plants is very much appreciated by the frequenters of these parks, and we have as yet failed to notice the loss of a single plant by theft or otherwise. but a circumstance of the people living near this park having it sufficiently at interest to keep it constantly under watch, and the park is too small to attract much of the tougher element.

Matters in General

The season this year has been as a rule quite favorable to growth and planting in the parks. There has been quite a season of drought, but not enough to cause much

Another matter to which I wish to call the attention of the Board is the growth of weeds on all the vacant property on the outside hills (a great deal of it abutting the park property, being rough hillsides that have not been taken up). These slopes have been allowed to become burdened with a rank growth of noxious and other dangerous weeds. The Canada thistle has gotten a strong hold on some of the vacant property, and the bee-clover has taken possession of the entire hillsides, so much so that the parks are suffering badly from seeds that are blown in, which necessitate large expense in getting them out and cleared away.

There are state, county, and city laws governing this subject which, if properly enforced, would do away with this nuisance, but it seems that it is very hard to secure action from the proper authorities towards enforcement of the laws, and many of these property-holders are non-residents, and care nothing whatever about the property.

I wish to thank the members of the Board for the courtesies extended to the Park Department, and also for frequent visits made by them to the parks, and to the new work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. CRITCHELL,

Superintendent of Parks.

# PARK FUND

#### RECEIPTS

Received from	taxes	41,052	05
"	boating and refreshment privileges	321	00
**	Pickering Hardware Co. (refunder)		50
"	sale of old hot-water boilers	180	00
"	impoundage	6	00
"	sprinkling on Gilbert av. for Baldwin Piano Co.	24	00
"	sale of horse	50	00
"	sale scrap iron, empty barrels, and lawnmowers.	55	51
"	sale of plants and flowers	65	69
"	sale of wood	88	50
Total		\$41,843	<u></u>

#### **EXPENDITURES**

Payrolls	32,800	00
Awnings, covering stalls and window-sills of stable, wire		
window-guards, and repair to roofs	47	00
Axle-grease	1	25
Blacksmith and wagon repairs	8	15
Baskets	2	50
Boiler-cleaner and boiler repairs	5	14
Brushes and brooms	27	55
Castings, stove repairs, etc	66	00
Cotton waste and cotton for trees	9	63
Crushed granite and crushed limestone	541	38
Disinfectant	48	<b>0</b> 0
Examination of premises and services of engineer	12	50
Feed	774	80
Flower-pots, labels, hanging baskets, etc	244	26
Fertilizers	5	60
Amount carried forward	\$34,593	<del>7</del> 6

Amount brought forward	34,593	76
Fuel	700	04
Gates repaired and stakes for flowerbeds	· ·	03
Hardware, tools, etc	292	83
Horseshoeing	270	
Horse-keep	246	_
Harness repairs	36	25
Horses	160	-
Hose and couplings	188	20
Horse-bedding, horse-covers, whips, etc	63	33
Ice	_	00
Incidentals		94
Insecticide, etc		10
Insurance	219	_
Light in greenhouse	-	25
Lawnmower repairs		00
Lumber	431	
Medicine for horses		66
Office expenses	171	
Oil, turpentine, and pipe-joint compound		07
Paints, glass, etc		21
Placards	•	50
Plants, trees, shrubs, bulbs, and seeds	374	-
Patrol-boxes	108	
Pipefittings, etc		11
Photographs		99
Plumbing and plumbing repairs	249	
Repairs to buggy		45
Rubber boots	. 34	
Rope		56
Sand and gravel, sewer-pipe, and cement	274	•
Salt, sponges, soap, and matches	• •	69
Sidewalk, brick	102	_
Soil, sod, and earth	80	
Steam-roller repairs	139	
Street sprinkling	466	
Telephones	213	
Typewriter repairs		55
Veterinary surgeon		00
Sinking fund	1,840	
Total	\$41,843	<u>25</u>

#### Fall Festival-Washington Park Restoration Fund

#### RECEIPTS

Received from the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association, in order to restore Washington Park to its former good condition previous to the Fall Festival of 1903, the sum of

555 00

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#### **EXPENDITURES**

Payrolls	354 18	
Manure	41 00	
Sod	80 oo	
Plumbing repairs	4 95	
Grass-seed	24 40	
<del>-</del>	<del></del>	504 53
Leaving a balance on hand Dec. 31, to be used in the s	pring	\$50 47

#### General Fund (Contingent Account)—Ordinances 79 and 224

Appropriated from the General Fund, in order to pay police-	
men assigned to duty in the down-town parks while they	
were kept open during the heated term in the summer of	
1903, \$500 of this amount having been appropriated at one	
time and the balance (\$40) later on	\$540
Payrelle (from July 16 to Sontambar 84, 1993)	

# The \$50,000 Park Improvement Fund

#### RECEIPTS

City Clerk—sale of bonds	50,000 00
EXPENDITURES	
Luray-avenue improvement 9,663 30. Grading slopes, repairing park-drives, etc 6,354 91 Sidewalk, west side Gilbert Avenue, Eden Park 822 40 Sidewalk, Clifton Avenue, Burnet Woods 2,207 62 Cliff Drive, Eden Park 4,112 44 New show greenhouse at Eden Park 8,828 46 Sundry incidental expenses 344 11 Improvements to old greenhouses, Eden Park 7,132 92 Park strip, west side of Gilbert Avenue, Eden Park 360 00 New stable, Burnet Woods 3,490 72 New music-stand, Eden Park 1,096 95 General work 314 70 New spring-house, Eden Park (plans, etc., and advertising) 115 30	
Balance actually on hand December 31, 1903	\$5,156 17
This balance of	

# DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES TO DECEMBER 31, 1903.

#### LURAY-AVENUE IMPROVEMENT.

Payrolls — Men, teams, etc., employed under Park Improvement Fund on this work, from week end-		
ing July 17, 1902, to week ending June 11, 1903	6,162 65	
John Parry Jones-Labor building brick catchbasins,	, ,	
dry wall and cementing top of same, and laying		
pipes	115 51	
H. J. Conkling-Cement, sewer-pipe, firebrick, fire-		
clay, etc	57 <b>2</b> 4	
Cincinnati Granitoid Co.—	37 -4	
Constructing 1,270½ feet of concrete curb and		
gutter on St. Paul and Luray avenues	635 25	
Building piers for bridge over lakes in Luray-	033 23	
avenue improvement	250 <b>00</b>	
Building cement bridge over lakes in Luray-	230 00	
avenue improvement	475 00	
John Warburg—Sewer-brick	52 15	
W. A. Glazer & Co.—Gravel	320 84	
William Fogarty—Soil	162 00	
J. M. McCullough's Sons—Grass-seed	32 14	
Francis Pentland—Shrubbery	55 00	
S. S. Jackson & Co.—Trees		
Frank Le Sourd—Macadam stone and sod	12 50	
Storrs & Harrison Co.—Trees and roses	705 53	
	<b>394</b> 99	
T. F. McClure—Paving-brick	232 50	9,663 30
		),3 J-
GRADING SLOPES, REPAIRING AND IMPROVING PARK	-DRIVES,	
WALKS, ETC.		
Describe Man Assess of smallered under Dark		
Payrolls—Men, teams, etc., employed under Park		
Improvement Fund, from week ending August 8,	# .cº o.	
1902, to week ending June 11, 1903	5,408 94	
Rucker Stone Co.—Limestone screenings for Fulton		
Avenue	140 09	
Cincinnati Granitoid Co.—Constructing 1,426½ feet		
concrete curb and gutter in Luray Avenue, and		
in Luray Avenue from south end of Concrete		
Bridge to Park Lane	713 25	
H. J. Conkling—Sewer-pipe, cement, etc	61 24	
J. H. McCullough's Sons—Grass-seed	16 39	
J. Chas. McCullough—Grass-seed	15 00	6 02 . 0 .
•		6,354 91
Amount carried forward		\$16,018 21

Amount brought forward		16,018 21
SIDEWALK ON WEST SIDE OF GILBERT AVENUE-EDI	EN PARK.	
Robert Leitsch, sidewalk inspector, from week ending October 7 to week ending October 28, 1902 C. V. Maescher & Co.—Constructing 7,090 square	42 50	
feet cement sidewalk	779 90	822 40
SIDEWALK ON CLIFTON AVENUE-BURNET WO	ops.	
Herman E. Kleine, sidewalk inspector, from week ending October 7 to week ending November 8,		
1902Bernard Niehaus—Constructing 17,490.75 square feet	73 75	
cement sidewalk	2,133 87	2,207 62
CLIFF DRIVE, EDEN PARK.		
Payrolls—Men, teams, etc., employed under Park Improvement Fund, from week ending December 11, 1902, to week ending March 12, 1903	4,108 44	
and fuse	3 10	
L. M. Prince—Blue prints	90	4,112 4
IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD GREENHOUSES IN EDEN	PARK.	., .
Payrolls—Men, teams, etc., employed under Park		
Improvement Fund to tear down old potting shed and showhouse, make sewers, connections, etc.,	•	
construct new tool-house and boiler-shed, etc., and to make new improvements on old green-		
houses, from week ending August 12, 1902, to		
week ending May 28, 1903 Peters Arms and Sporting Goods Co.—Fuse, dynamite,		
caps, etc	30 05	
H. J. Conkling—Sewer-pipe, etc	97 97 <sup>-</sup>	
E. Hird & Co Painting inside of all old greenhouses	435 00	
Wm. Glenny Glass Co.—Glass	42 68	
Pipe, fittings, etc., necessary to change sys-		
tem of heating greenhouses from hot		
water to steam159 38		
Labor of fitters and helpers changing system		
of heating640 60		
	799 98	

- Amount brought forward	3,903	36	23,160 67
C. Crane & Co.—Oak lumber	42	78	
John R. Tanner—Carpenter-work		00	
John P. Jones—		-	
Excavating and stone-work for new tool-			
house and boiler-shed			
Labor and cement furnished for extending			
foundation walls of old greenhouse to be			
ready for new show greenhouse149 68			
Labor, sand, and cement furnished to build			
chimney foundation, catchbasin, ash-pit,			
and piers under boilers 58 30			
Labor, cement, and sand furnished to repair			
old walls of greenhouse, cutting and			
dressing stone steps, etc 34 70			
Labor and material for concrete arches over			
coal cellar 87 50			
Driveway and yard in rear of greenhouses 75 33			•
Cementing top of wall used for hitching-			
post			
	885	51	
F. Bowen—Roofing-paper		80	
Rucker Stone Co Limestone screenings for concrete	-,	-	
work on new tool-house and boiler-shed	90	<b>5</b> I	
Norton & Cole Machinery Co.—	,-	۶.	
Two tubular boilers for heating new green-			
house plant by steam499 oo			
Time of boilermaker and helper 5 95			
	504	٥r	
Bradley & Sorin CoPlacards "Greenhouse Closed"		<b>0</b> 0	
Morrison & Snodgrass Co Lumber for new tool-	3	•	
house and boiler-shed	181	26	
Nicholas Joseph—Lowering two firebox boilers in	101	30	
pit	65	00	
KPL Co.—Tools, nails, wall-plate bolts, clamps,	٧,	•	
hinges, wardrobe locks, screws, hooks and			
eyes, etc	36	55	
Martin Morris - Hauling limestone screenings to			
greenhouse	27	-	
Rendigs Hardware Co.—Nails.	-	70	
John Kolbe Co. —White-lead	6	00	
Cincinnati Granitoid Co.—			
Constructing concrete subfoundation for			-
tool-house and boiler-shed321 43			
Plastering walls 33 62			
	355	05	
Amount carried forward	6,157	00	\$23,160 67

Amount brought forward	6,157 00	23,160.67
Littleford Bros.—		
No. 12 steel smoke-stack 96 00		
No. 14 steel breeching for boilers, with		
dampers, to connect with chimney 32 32		
	128 32	
Columbia Iron Works—I beams, channels, corru-		
gated arches, etc., for new tool-house and boiler- shed	210 80	
Porter Iron Roof and C. Co.—Brick roofing sheeting	30 04	
Cincinnati Gas and Electric Co.—Removing electric-	30 04	
light pole from greenhouse	12 00	
Crane Hawley Co.—Angle valves, fittings, etc., for		
heating-system in greenhouses	32 00	
Pickering Hardware Co.—Hinges and hooks and eyes	I 20	
J. B. Schroder & Co Japanned hinges	1 05	
Crawford & Co.—Sewer-pipe for greenhouse sewer	92 23	
C. M. Foster—Plans and specifications, and superin-		
tendence of construction, for the new tool-house	0	
and boiler-shed	50 38	
Wm. H. Fox-Lining gutters, etc., of new tool-house and boiler-shed, and repairing upper spout of		
greenhouse	. 38 90	
F. Rempe & Son—Work done as per contract on old	. 30 90	
greenhouses to make them conform to new house.	370 00	
Witt & Brown-Connecting gutter from old green-	0.	
house to down-spouts	9 00	
-		7,132 92
PARK STRIP ON WEST SIDE OF GILBERT AVEN	UR.	
D. Rusconi—Tulips	•••••	360 oo
NEW STABLE, BURNET WOODS.		
Morrison & Snodgrass Co.—Frames for foundation		
of new stable	29 50	
Commercial Tribune-Advertising	22 13	
Cincinnati Times-Star-Advertising	22 13	
John Parry Jones-		•
Excavation 75 00		
Limestone masonry and stonework480 00	***	
C. M. Foster—Plans and specifications and superin-	555 00	
tending work	149 61	
J. C. Carter—Building new stable		
Wm. Hillenbrand-Plumbing	275 35	
-		3,490 72
Amount carried forward	· · · · · · · -	\$34,144 31

Amount brought forward	• • • • • •		34,144 31
NEW SHOW GREENHOUSE AT EDEN PARK.			
Payrolls—Time of men employed under Park Improvement Fund in fitting up steam-pipes in new			
house, from week ending January 1, 1903 C. M. Foster—Plans and specifications for new show	<b>7</b> 06	40	
greenhouse and superintendence of construction	312	50	
Cincinnati Times-Star—Advertising for bids for work on new show greenhouse	13	50	
Commercial Tribune—Advertising for bids for work on new show greenhouse	13	50	
Witt & Brown— Galvanized iron cornice and gutter on north wing			
of new show greenhouse	125	00	
ing of new show greenhouse	385	00	
of new show greenhouse	199	<b>0</b> 0	
Concrete foundations for new show greenhouse Cement walks in center and north houses, 1,861%	625	00	
feet	195		
Cement table in north wing	125	00	
754.27 feet		20	
Cement walks in south house, 701.59 feet		67	
Floor in lavatory, door-sills, and plastering wall	22		
R. E. Kramig & Co.—Asbestos covering for pipes		00	
J. C. Carter—Carpenter-work and lumber	2,995		
Merkel Bros.—Pipefittings	•	28	
Crane-Hawley Co.—Pipe and fittings	140		
	374		
J. A. Brownfield—Door and frame	-	00	
	297		
KPL Co.—Screws, hangers, and angles	_	59	
Wm. Hillenbrand—Plumbing	198		
Morrison & Snodgrass Co.—Lumber		09	
John Theobald—Painting and glazing	1,868		
	10	74 —	8,828 46
Amount carried forward	• • • • • •		\$42,972 77

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Amount brought forward		42,972 77
SUNDRY INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.		
Mook & Weil, horse	140 <b>0</b> 0	
Florists' Publishing Co.—Advertisement	2 00	
American Florist-Advertisement	2 00	
Norton & Cole Machinery Co.—Rent of temporary		
boiler and pump	40 00	
Whitcomb & Root-Feed	14 79	
Early & Daniel—Feed	100 87	
Henry Burdorf—Horseshoeing	44 45	
-		344 11
MUSIC - STAND, EDEN PARK.		
Cincinnati Times-Star-Advertising	7 50	
Commercial Tribune—Advertising	7 50	
George B. Meyer-Washers	I 44	
Pickering Hardware Co.—Bolts, etc	2 16	
J. C. Carter—Building music-stand	1,027 00	
C. M. Foster—Plans and specifications and superin-		
tendence of work	51 35	1,096 95
GENERAL PARK WORK.		
Payrolls-Time of men, etc., employed in doing		
general work at Eden Park during weeks ending		
June 4 and 11, 1903		314 70
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NEW SPRING-HOUSE AT RESERVOIR, EDEN PAR	к.	
Commercial Tribune—Advertisements	19 00	
Cincinnati Freie-Presse Co.—Advertisements	19 50	
Enquirer Co.—Advertisements	15 07	
C. M. Foster—Plans and specifications	61 73	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		115 30
Total Expenditures to December 31, 1903	-	\$44 842 82
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## PARK DEPARTMENT

CINCINNATI, O., January 1, 1905.

To the Honorable Board of Public Service:

GENTLEMEN,—I again have the pleasure of submitting to you the yearly report of receipts and expenditures for the Park Department for the year 1904 and a review of some of the work done in the different parks.

As stated in the report of last year, the expenditure authorized by Council of one half million dollars for new parks has been the means of the Park Department acquiring quite an addition to the present park sites. The legal matters going through court have not been fully settled on any of the new locations, but they are so far advanced that it is now known that early in the spring of next year we can take hold of quite a number of new pieces of park work, which will be carried to a finish in the early part of the year.

There has not been much new work attempted in the parks, more than the finishing-up and carrying-out of the original plans as laid out, which plans have been strictly adhered to, as has been the general plan of connecting-up

all of the parks by easy driveways, and the locations of new additions at such points that in the visiting of one park it is easy to reach the others by short, well-known drives.

This year's report can not be more than a résumé of what has been done in finishing up work commenced, and can only mention the very large amount of work in prospect, for which a sufficient sum of money has been appropriated.

The increase in the park appropriation for next year, and the unexpended balance of the \$25,000 received from bond issue for purpose of improving existing parks, will be used to finish a great deal of work that has been lying in a half-finished state for years—mainly, the cement curb and gutters in parts of the park that were subject to washes of the roads, the rebuilding of several much-needed worn-out roads, and the laying of a very extensive system of sewerage and water pipes so as to secure the roads and walks from washes that were so much to be feared after each large storm. The sewerage system of the larger parks has been almost entirely remodeled, and in many cases more than doubled in capacity.

The Park Department and your Board lost by the death of Mr. Robert Allison, in March of this year, a good citizen and one who had the interests of the city at heart, and who by almost daily visits to the parks, of which he was chairman, kept a very close watch over all work done there. The loss of this member, I know, is very much felt by all the members of the Board. He was one of Cincinnati's first citizens, and was honored and liked by all who had

his acquaintance. The appointment of his worthy successor, I am sure you will agree, was putting the right man in the right place, and his very close attention to his duties connected with the parks has been a very great help and assistance, so that the loss of Mr. Allison was not felt so severely as it would have been had the new member not taken the interest Mr. Allison did in the parks.

The public concerts in both Eden Park and Burnet Woods are becoming more fashionable and more appreciated as the years go by. On fine, pleasant Saturday afternoons in Burnet Woods and Sunday afternoons in Eden Park the attendance is something wonderful, and as both of these public concerts are paid for by endowment funds, with the exception of a very small amount for Eden Park, this attendance shows the music is appreciated. It is hoped that the increase in the down-town parks will insure music there for evening entertainment. Washington, Lincoln, and Garfield parks have now got to be the nightly resting-places for the crowded districts, and the seating capacity of these parks is fully tested every pleasant evening by the people who have no other means of fresh air from the crowded tenements except in the parks. The question of seating capacity mentioned in last year's report has been overcome, and before the next season opens park benches to fully supply all the parks will be furnished from the funds appropriated for that purpose.

As stated in last year's report, the increase in values of land adjoining parks shows up almost immediately after the site of a park is settled, as real-estate dealers report property adjoining and abutting the parks as showing large increases in values.

Again calling attention, as in former reports, to tree supply, I must say that it is still an open question, and something that must be taken up before long, as the constant necessary replanting of trees makes it imperative on the city to have stock to fall back upon where trees can be properly grown and transplanted without having to go a distance and buy them, and pay large prices for uncertainly-grown stock.

There have been no material changes in the lighting of the parks as mentioned in last year's report. Washington and Lincoln parks are very poorly lighted. Should the City Council see their way clear to increase and fully double the amount of lighting in these parks, it would be very much to the benefit of the parks, and would help the good behavior and policing at both places.

There being no Fall Festival in Washington Park this year has allowed the park to do much better both as to grass and trees.

Nothing much more can be said in regard to the parks in detail in this report except as to general work done in all the parks.

One matter still rests before your Board, and that is the non-attention and complete neglect both by the Art Museum and University of Cincinnati of the grounds donated to them some years since by the city. The University has made but a small attempt to take any care whatever of the grounds donated to them. The roads which were originally built by the city have gone to pieces, and the care of the grounds in the way of keeping up the trees and shrubbery (with the exception of a small piece directly around the University buildings) has been simply to leave them in a wild and uncultivated state. The matter has been brought to the notice of your Board so often that it seems like thrashing over old straw-with no results. With the coming of the new President it is hoped that something better will be done to the University grounds, as the property donated to the University cost the city over one hundred thousand dollars for forty-three acres, which is too valuable a lot of property to be left to grow up a mass of weeds and suckers, and then, at the same time, your Board is charged up with the neglect of this portion of the park by thousands of citizens who know nothing about the fact that the University occupies one quarter of the entire Burnet Woods.

The Art Museum grounds fronting on Gilbert Avenue is the donation of the city, but it is claimed by the gentlemen who have this matter in hand that the Art Museum is not maintained for profit, and as it barely pays its way they have no money to embellish the grounds bequeathed by the city; but at the same time, at a session of your Board, when they are asked to relinquish such ground as they have no use for for museum purposes, they refused to make any concession whatever. The matter of both the

Art Museum and the University have been referred to the City Solicitor, and his opinion has been rendered in the case, which is to the point that unless these institutions do take care of the grounds, under the agreement made, the property reverts back to the city. This is a serious question in the line of beautifying the parks, and it is hoped that by another season the matter can be so adjusted that the heads of these institutions will have something done to make their grounds appear at least a part of the park system, which, under the terms of both grauts, they should be, and kept open forever to the public as a part of the parks.

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. CRITCHELL,

Superintendent of Parks.

## PARK DEPARTMENT

Received fro	m taxes :	for salaries	33,800	00
"	"	incidentals and sundries	7,360	00
"	**	sinking fund and interest	1,840	00
Total	Receipts	for the year 1904	\$43,000	
		EXPENDITURES		
Payrolls			33,800	00
Addition to	shelter-h	ouse in Burnet Woods	969	40
Axle-grease.				25
Architect's s	ervices		23	53
Blacksmith a	nd wago	n repairs	236	75
Brushes and	brooms.		7	40
Bond of Sup	erint <b>e</b> nde	ent of Parks	10	00
Castings, sto	ve repair	s, etc	27	60
Cartridges, e	tc		1	95
Cotton and c	heeseclot	th	1	95
Cleaning star	tues		25	00
Diaries for p	ark forer	men	7	50
Electric-ligh	t connec	tions, Eden-Park greenhouse and Burnet-		
Woods s	table		155	00
Electric-ligh	t pole rep	paired	7	87
			6	00
Feed			789	18
		anging-baskets, etc	63	90
			5	24
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		•••••	66	83
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		ings	88	20
			6	00
norse-covers	, whip,	etc		75
incidentals.			71	41
Amou	nt carrie	d forward	\$37,857	35

## Park Extension Fund

Received from sale of Park Extension bonds.		500,000 00	
" premium and interest from sale of	67,116 48		
" from sale house at Gilbert Av. and B		126 00	
			567,242 48
EXPENDITUR	ES		
W. Trans. Co. D. D. D.		0 -	
Vine and Hollister Streets Park Property		14,419 82	
Burnet-avenue and Reading-road Park Prope		1,095 00	
East End Park Property		36,415 42	
Gilbert-avenue and Elsinore Park Property.		12,150 00	
Third, Fourth, Lawrence, and Lytle sts. Park	Property		
Calhoun-street Extension of Burnet Woods.		260 00	
Wade-street Park		120 00	
Auburn Place		110 00	
Ordinance No. 672—Engineers, rodmen, etc.	:		
Payrolls	253 93		
Cincinnati Traction Co., car tickets	10 00		
Henry S. Sherick, sheet plats	11 00		
Herman Pfister, level	92 50	26. 42	
Vine and Hollister Streets Park Improvement	Fund	367 43	
German-Russell Co., hose	22 50		
J. Uihlein & Co., hose	21 75		
Frank Bittner, care of park, etc	82 25		
R. A. Kelly Co., privet hedge, etc	177 35		
Douglas P. & H. Co., plumbing	2 00		
Wm. Attlesey, plumbing	<b>2</b> 9 <b>7</b> 0		
J.M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed	15 90		
and bulbs			
John Funks, gravel	2 50		
Lewis & Talbott Stone Co., crushed stone	29 90		
M. Morris, hauling stone, teams, drivers, etc.	253 00		
John Bulmer, repairing fountain	17 75		
John McHugh, caretaker	199 50		
Pickering Hardware Co., pole shears	1 65		
Chas. Kuhl Art. Stone Co., sidewalks	548 34		
John C. Gerkin, police shelter-house	57 00		
Patrick Gleason, soil	419 70		
Moritz Eichler, watchman	67 20		
J. A. Dieckmann, Jr., bulbs	6 00		
Wm. H. Moon Co., trees	154 82		
D. Rusconi, bulbs	19 54		
V. Schrage, bulbs	8 00		
John Weile, soil	13 50		
John Gilb, soil	6 50	_	
		2,156 35	
Bond issue expenses		519 15	
Premium and Interest—Sinking Fund Truste	ees	67,116 48	*** 0** ( -
			134,859 65
Balance on hand December 31, 1904		•	\$432,382 83
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## \$50,000.00 Park Improvement Fund

Received from City Clerk—Sale of Park Improve-	50,000 00	
Expended to December 31, 1903, as per report of that year	14,843 83	
Balance on hand January I, 1904		5,156 17
EXPENDITURES		
Luray-avenue Improvement:		
Frank Fox and Martin Morris, black soil	359 <b>o</b> o	
Grading Slopes and Park Drives: Frank Fox and Martin Morris, black soil	205 00	
New Spring-house—Eden Park:  McMiller & Taft, erecting building	2,490 00	
West Side of Gilbert Avenue:		
Frank Fox and Martin Morris, black soil	92 00	
New Shelter-house-Burnet Woods:		
C. M. Foster, plans and specifications 116 72		
Cincinnati Freie Presse, advertising 7 86		
The Enquirer Co., advertising 7 86		
Cincinnati Times-Star, advertising 7 86		
C. D. McColm, carpenter work 1,864 00	2,004 30	
Total		5,150 30
Balance on hand December 31, 1904		\$5 87
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## \$25,000.00 Park Improvement Fund

Received from City Clerk—Sale of Park Improvement Bonds	25,000 00	
EXPENDITURES		
Repairs to all Park Buildings	402 72	
Improvements to Cliff Drive and to Park Roads	8,630 72	
Painting Greenhouses and Music Stand	722 72	
Cement Curb and Gutter and Sidewalks Fund	3,165 69	
Roofs and Painting, etc., Shelter-houses	2,208 84	
Plants, Trees and Shrubbery, Seeds, Bulbs, Fertilizers, etc	342 31	
Total		15,473 00
Balance on hand December 31, 1904	<u>-</u> 	\$9,527 00

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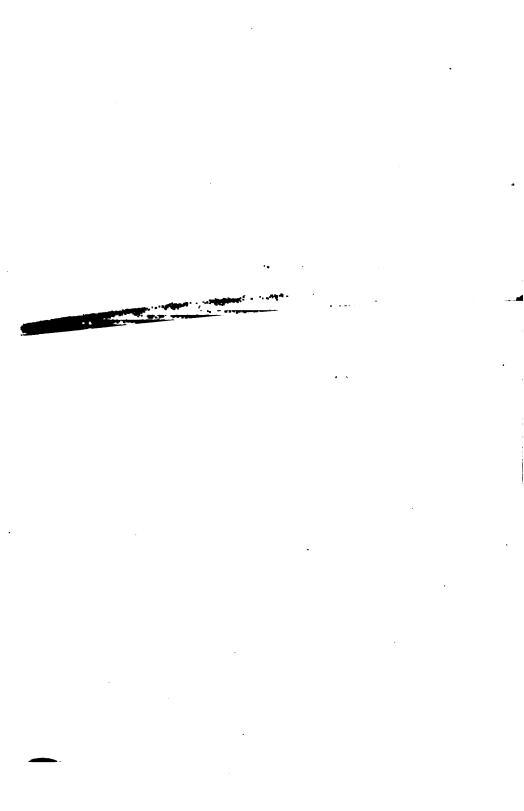
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## PARK DEPARTMENT

CINCINNATI, O., January 1, 1907.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Service:

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the requirements of your honorable board I take pleasure in submitting to you a report of the proceedings during the past twelve months in the Park Department.

In taking charge of the parks of the city on January 16, 1906, I set forth to manage the department for the best possible good to the greatest number of people, and I think your honorable board will concur with me that the results have been satisfactory, from the fact that a greater number of people have taken advantage of the parks during the past year than have ever before visited there in the same period of time.

During January and February of 1906, through the courtesy of a number of property-owners, I flooded lots in various parts of the city, which provided splendid skating for the children. I believe that this is one of the features of playground work that should be encouraged, as the physical culture feature predominates with the pleasurable, though they are both to be highly commended.

Trimming trees, sowing grass-seed, and the placing in condition of some of the driveways which were found to be in rather a bad condition (especially the one leading from Mt. Adams and encircling around the reservoir, which was found to be almost impassable) constituted the greater part of the work done.

A stone-crusher was procured, and one thousand cubic yards of stone crushed and placed on the driveway above mentioned. This work was all done with regular park labor, thereby saving to this department several hundred dollars, as it cost but a fraction over fifty cents per cubic yard to place the stone on the driveway by this method, whereas it would have cost one dollar and fifty cents to place it there by direct purchase.

The greenhouse on the south side of the reservoir, formerly used by the Waterworks Department, was abandoned by that department and turned over to the Park Department. The buildings were then razed and removed to the present range of park greehouses, and rebuilt, adding thereby something like five thousand feet of glass to the present range. We utilized our park force and mechanics in building these houses, consequently the work was done without any extra expense.

## Eden Park

It is plainly evident to the close observer that Eden Park has been greatly neglected in planting as regards both trees and shrubs, and an effort will be made during the planting season this spring to plant two or three thousand trees and shrubs in this park. This feature of park maintenance brings vividly to the mind the urgent need of a municipal nursery, as we could then take the choice trees from a large assortment, instead of depending upon what a nurseryman sees fit to give you, which at the best is not a very good grade of tree, as the market in this locality does not justify the growing of any great amount of ornamental and forest-trees.

The driveways in Eden Park will all have to be resurfaced with stone and screenings, which have been ordered, and work on same will be begun as soon as the weather will permit.

The main approach to the park is too narrow, and I have had

plans drawn to widen the entrance, which will add greatly to its usefulness and to its ornamental effect. This matter has been called to my attention a number of times and complaints made

because of the narrowness of the entrance, and I believe we can spend money in a no more useful way than by placing this driveway at a width sufficient to make of it a more accessible approach.

The band-stand and refreshment parlor were both repaired and painted in colors to conform to the surroundings, which has added very materially to the general appearance of that locality.

There have been three new walks placed in the park, and the walk leading from Walnut Hills to the Art Museum has been reclaimed and surfaced with stone and cinders, and is now used more than any other walk within the park, as its location gives a divergence of scenery to those who want to take but a short walk within the confines of the park.



There has been placed four hundred feet of sewer-pipe in Eden Park, including a branch beginning at the summit of the hill near the water-tower and leading down over the slopes, connecting up at the base with the Fulton-avenue sewer, thereby draining all the water from this point in the park which at times had inundated the yards and homes of adjacent property-owners. This is a feature which will, of necessity, have to be carried out

in other portions of the park in order to avoid severe washouts that have occurred from time to time during past years.

The Good Roads Improvement Company made an experiment on the main driveway with an asphaltum oil to allay the dust and prevent washing. It proved very satisfactory, especially in settling the dust and preventing the growth of noxious weeds, as well as proving impervious to dashing rains, thereby preventing any material from washing from the drives. That experience, coupled with my observation of what is being done in eastern cities, has prompted me to make an experiment during the coming summer with a solution of oil, soap, and water that will give much cheaper applications, and I believe just as effective service.

This company was also given the privilege of making a test of tarvia on the same driveway. While tarvia makes a very hard road and would no doubt lengthen the life of macadam, the manner in which it was placed on the park driveway here made it dangerous for horses to pass over, as the surface was so very slippery that it necessitated a coating of sand every two or three weeks to make it safe for traffic. The climatic conditions caused it to disintegrate also to such a degree that it was not thought to be an economical material for roadbeds. This, coupled with the other objectionable feature, would, I believe, bar it as a material for park driveways.

One of the most needed improvements in our department was established in the workshop at Eden-Park stable. During the past throughout the summer season the entire time of two men was required to keep the scythes and lawnmowers in condition for the workmen to use. The entire interior arrangement of the workshop is now changed, a dynamo having been installed, the power generated by same being utilized to propel two grindstones, an emery wheel, a forge, a drill, a lathe, a vise, two saws, and a horse-clipper and groomer. The entire cost of this equipment was but \$385, and the estimated saving of labor is sixty dollars



Willows - Eden Park

per week. This arrangement has made conditions there such that it takes two mechanics but two hours in the morning to put all tools in condition for the entire day.

One hundred and fifty bushels of grass-seed were sown in Eden Park, the formula being as follows:

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5 parts bluegrass
5 " redtop
3 " perennial rye
1 " white clover
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This mixture where sown (as have other experiments made elsewhere a number of times) proved very gratifying. The bluegrass and redtop furnished a splendid turf during the early summer, and the perennial rye remained green until late fall.

The music for band concerts in Eden Park, financed by the Schmidlapp Eden-Park Sunday Concert Fund, was ably furnished by John C. Weber's Grand Orchestra and Military Band. Not only are these concerts beneficial to the great masses of people who attend, from an elevating and refining point of view, but they are the means of inducing hundreds to visit the park who would not otherwise become acquainted with its beauty. Nineteen concerts were given here during the past summer, with an estimated average attendance of ten thousand people, and while there were a great number of carriages and other vehicles, the people have become so thoroughly conversant with the discipline that not an accident occurred during the entire season.

It was believed that every one would concur in that it would be a great educational advantage to those who frequent the parks to have the trees labeled, and accordingly a sum of money was used for this purpose, and the greater number of each variety of trees labeled to the extent of the amount at hand. I would urgently recommend that there be a fund supplied next year whereby all the trees and shrubs may be labeled, that the parks may be more educational from a botanical standpoint to those who visit them from time to time.



### Floricultural Department

The greenhouses located at Eden Park are the source of the entire supply of plants for the ornamental bedding in the parks. The number of plants grown for bedding purposes, as well as those kept for ornamental display in the show-houses, are given below, the variety name being also listed.

It is my intention to add to the collection at present in the greenhouses about twenty new varieties of crotons, forty varieties of begonias, fifteen to twenty varieties of cannas, and probably twenty-five new and pleasing varieties of ornamental plants that are desirable. We will also purchase quite a variety of orchids during the coming year to enlarge our collection, as well as about five hundred palms in variety.

After visiting nearly all the large conservatories of the country I can state that, with the above-mentioned additions to our plants, we would have one of the finest collections of tropical plants to be found anywhere in the country. The condition of the plants at our conservatories as to healthfulness and vigorousness of growth is unquestionably unsurpassed by any single collection of plants I have ever seen.

The matter of carpet and ornamental bedding has been taken up in the set garden at Eden Park, and in fact carried out at all the parks where there is sufficient space, or where it can be viewed from a prominent thoroughfare. The 150,000 bedding-plants grown were distributed among the various parks of the city, and when this park planting was taken care of the residue was distributed among Cincinnati hospitals, the Children's Home, some of the fire departments, the Workhouse, and to various public schools that had space to use them.

As the plants that still remained were of a very inferior quality, the head gardener was instructed to distribute them among any persons who might ask for them, as it seemed a much better method to give away such plants as could not be used for bedding purposes than to throw them on the dump. No doubt the few flowers that could thus be given away help embellish some home, and make a more respectable and pleasing surrounding for the people thus supplied.



The limited amount of money allowed to conduct the greenhouses makes it a very tedious task to carry on to the fullest extent the floricultural feature within the park department.

#### LIST OF BEDDING AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

#### Grown at Eden-Park Greenhouses

#### Bedding Plants

2,700 Acalypha

2,500 Ageratum

15,000 Alternanthera

2,700 Alyssum

4,200 Anthericum

5,000 Begonia

17,500 Canna

5,200 Centaurea

25,000 Coleus

2,000 Cuphea

2,800 Croton

5,900 Echeveria

90,000 Commine

30,000 Geranium

8,000 Lobelia

2,700 Petunia

100 Musa

3,200 Salvia

500 Cyclamen

15,000 Pansy

150,000

#### Foliage and Flowering Plants

75 Azalea

150 Begonia Gloire de Lorraine

200 Calceolaria

15 Camellia Japonica

100 Richardi

100 Dracæna, of following varieties:

Dracæna fragrans

" Godseffiana

terminalis

500 Palms, of following varieties:

Areca lutescens

Caryota urens

Kentia Belmoreana

Latania borbonica

Phœnix Canariensis

"· reclinata

" rupicola

' Roebelenii

Stevensonia grandifolia

Cycas revoluta

Trachycarpus Fortunei

Ptychosperm Cunninghamiana

Chrysanthemum Show-house -- Eden Park

#### 300 Ferns, of following varieties:

#### Adiantum cuneatum

- " Farleyense
- " formosum
- " trapeziforme
- " Weigandi
  - Rhodophyllum
- " pubescens

#### Lomaria gibba

Alsophila Australis

Asplenium Belangeri

Blechnum Braziliense

Blechnum occidentale

Cibotium Schiedei

Aspidium falcatum

Aspidium coriaceum

Microlepia hirta cristata

Microlepia cristata

Davallia Fijiensis major

#### Nephrolepsis cordata compacta

- " exaltata Bostoniensis
- " Piersoni
- " Piersoni elegantissima
- " exaltata plumosa
  - Duffii
  - Scotti

Pteris cretica alba-Lineata

Pteris tremula

Polyphodium aureum

Polyphodium fraxinifolium

- 35 Hibiscus
- 150 Hydrangea
- 400 Lilium, of following varieties:

200 Lilium Harrisii

200 Lilium (Japanese varieties)

50 Calathea, of following varieties:

Calathea Massangeana

Calathea Makoyana

300 Pandanus, of following varieties:

Pandanus Veitchii

Pandanus utilis

- 200 Euphorbia
- 250 Orchids
- 100 Curculigo recurvata

#### Miscellaneous plants as follows:

Asparagus plumosus compacta

- " plumosus nanus
- " Sprengeri
  - ' tenuissimus

Araucaria excelsa Araucaria Bidwilli Anthurium Scherzerianum Aspidistra lurida Dieffenbachia Bausei Dieffenbachia magnifica Olea fragrans Philodendron pertusum Farfugium grande Laurus nobilis Imantophyllum miniatum Jasminum Grand Duke Rondeletia brilliantissima Ananas sativa variegata Homalomena Wallisii Correa magnifica Billbergia splendens Fittonia Verschaffeltii Trachelosperum jasminoides Sanseveria zeylanica

## Burnet Woods

At this park there is a large area covered with primitive foresttrees, though they have been very badly mistreated by allowing employees to mow and rake the ground, and subject this area to the same treatment that they would a lawn, thereby depriving the trees of their natural protection of leaves, and robbing the forest of its undergrowth of small trees, which would add to the park a beautiful woods effect—a treat to the lover of nature that can not be found elsewhere in close proximity to our city.

The trees and shrubs in this park were thoroughly renovated and trimmed, and treated with fertilizer. They have taken on a vigorous growth, which indicates that they are responding to these cultural methods of treatment.

Most of the drives are much steeper in this park than in Eden Park, and consequently the washing away of material by rain

amounts to a great deal more than at other parks. There has been used about ten carloads of screenings, most of which replaced that which was washed off during heavy rains. There will be needed a great deal of finishing material for the drives in this park in order to place them in firstclass condition.

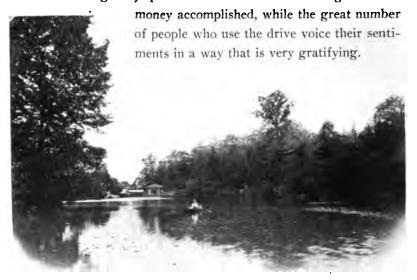
The lake in Burnet Woods is a great source of amusement for hundreds of children. During the summer months they find great sport and recreation in boating, and during frozen weather the ice is literally covered with people all day and until late in the evening. Using this as a basis, it would seem that any property purchased for park purposes should have ample provision for a liberal body of water.



The old wooden dock at this place had outlived its usefulness, and during the late summer was replaced by a modern concrete dock, which adds greatly to the appearance and safety of the hundreds of people who seek recreation on the lake.

Because of the disputed ownership of the drive known as University Avenue, it has been sadly neglected, so much so that it was impossible to use it at all. Arrangements were, however, made with the Board of University Trustees that they bear one half of the expense of the repair and the Park Department the remaining half, a proposal to this effect being very readily ac-

cepted by them. There was purchased \$592.29 worth of broken stone, and six carloads of light stone screenings, costing \$224.90, were also put on this driveway, and thoroughly rolled. It is now the best drive within the Park Department, and the University Trustees are greatly pleased with the amount of good their



The portion of the park used by the University has been very unsightly because of the noxious weeds that were allowed to grow there throughout the summer season, the grounds being left untrimmed and uncared for. This department sowed grass-seed and kept it well-trimmed throughout the summer, which added greatly to the appearance of that portion of the park, and in fact lends a touch of neatness to the entire park from a point of public view, as there are but few persons who are aware of the fact that it is not actually park property.

A survey was made of the property adjacent to Hopson Street, from University Avenue to St. Clair Street, and the estimated cost of grading this portion of the park is from \$14,000 to \$15,000. As this is a very prominent part of the park.

Concert \_\_ Burnet Woods

and the grading of Hopson Street has left it in an ugly condition, I would suggest to your honorable board that there be funds provided to grade and sod this embankment.

There are also on Clifton Avenue two very abrupt and unsightly banks that should be cut down and surfaced with rich loam, as at present they present a very undesirable landscape effect, especially along so prominent a thorougfare as Clifton Avenue.

The concerts at Burnet Woods were greatly appreciated by thousands of music-loving people during the past summer. The proceeds from the investment of the Groesbeck Endowment were sufficient to furnish twelve concerts. It was estimated that an average of five thousand people were in attendance on each occasion. The popularity of the musical feature at this park was greatly augmented by the high class of music furnished by Kopp's Military Band and Smittie's Famous Military Band and Harp Orchestra, who, by an arrangement made when contracts were awarded, played alternately during the season.



#### **Lincoln Park**

The opportunity for developing Lincoln Park into a playground and recreation park has been greater than at any other of the parks in the city.

There was organized early in the spring of 1906 a Concert Association, comprising prominent business men of the West End and myself. In organizing this body we were enabled to get the entire neighborhood interested in Lincoln Park. Through this Concert Association eight concerts were given at Lincoln Park during the summer, and a purchase made of two peafowls, two dozen ducks, three pair of swans, some rabbits, and we are making preparations to receive from the Workhouse a pair of deer, all of which has proven a great source of interest to the people who frequent this park. A report of the receipts and disbursements of the Concert Association follows:

CINCINNATI, OHIO, November, 1908.

#### Mr. J. W. RODGERS:

Dear Sir,—We herewith beg to hand you a statement showing how the moneys donated towards a concert fund were spent. You will notice that eight concerts were given. The attendance averaged from five to eight thousand at each concert. In addition to managing all details when concerts were given, the directors of the Lincoln-Park Concert Association provided further pleasures for both young and old by supplying Lincoln Park with one pair of peacocks, a pair of beautiful swans, numerous ducks, as well as squirrels and rabbits.

After deducting for all expenses you will note we still have a balance in bank of \$160.75, to be held until next spring, when a meeting of West-End citizens will be called regarding its disposal.

Trusting our actions have met with your approval, and thanking you in behalf of the many who enjoyed the concerts made possible by the generosity of those who contributed, we are

Respectfully,

THE LINCOLN-PARK CONCERT ASSOCIATION
EDWARD BUSSE, President
MAX N. AGGER, Secretary

# STATEMENT OF THE LINCOLN-PARK CONCERT ASSOCIATION SEASON OF 1906

RECEIPTS		\$1,229 50
DISBURSEMENTS	_	
June 18-Collectors' expense	40 85	
13—Advance Printing Co., letterheads, etc	8 75	
25—Stenographer and stamps	6 00	
28—One pair peafowls for park	121 00 5 75	
July 12—Ochler Printing Co., programmes for first concert and	2 50	
vouchers		
12—Roman caudles, concert June 26	2 00	
12-Linuenkamp Bros., announcement bombs	9 00	
13—Bradley and Sorin Co., programmes June 26th	6 25	
20 - Young's Military Band, concert July 17th	124 00	
20—Advance Printing Co., envelopes and letterheads	8 75	
24—Oehler Printing Co., programmes for July 12th and 26th concerts, ribbon badges for donors	18 25	
24-M. N. Agger, Secretary, stamps	2 00	
81—Saatkamp's Military Band, concert July 26th	124 00	
Aug. 3-Times-Star Newsboy Band, August 2d concert	10 00	
8—Leesman Brothers, lunch and lemonade for Times-Star Newsboy Band	6 00	
3-Rennekamp Sign Co., cards and streamers	6 20	
25—House-to-house distribution of programmes for concert July 16th	1 50	
25-Smittie's Band and soloist, August 16th	129 00	
31—Ochler Printing Co., programmes for fifth and sixth concerts	14 00	
31—Linnenkamp Bros., announcement bombs, etc., invoices of July 12th, 26th, and 30th	17 50	
31-J. G. Broxterman, Treasurer, stamps	1 00	
Sept. 1-Kopp's Military Band and soloist, August 30th concert	129 00	
8—Linnenkamp Bros., fireworks August 6th	25 00	
18—Oehler Printing Co., programmes September 15th	7 00	
18—House to-house distribution of programmes, Sept. 15th	1 25	
19—Linnenkamp Bros., bombs September 15th	7 00	
20-J. C. Weber's Band, 28 men and soloist, September	7 00	
15th concert	125 00	
Oct. 10—Entertaining management Times-Star Newsboy Band	10 00	
11-Times-Star Band, September 6th concert	25 00	
11—Clerical help and incidentals	35 00	
11—Constructing bridge across lake to island for donors's convenience	40 00	
Nov. 8-M. N. Agger, Secretary, postage, etc., mailing state-		
ments to donors	2 20	1,068 75
Cash on hand, in bank	•••••	160 75
		\$1,229 50

A new concrete bandstand was erected and the walks on the outside of the park resurfaced. This brings to mind that it would be a splendid thing, and is in fact a necessity, to have these walks surfaced with concrete, which would afford a splendid place for the children's recreation of roller-skating and games of different kinds, and would make that space much more useful than it is at the present time.

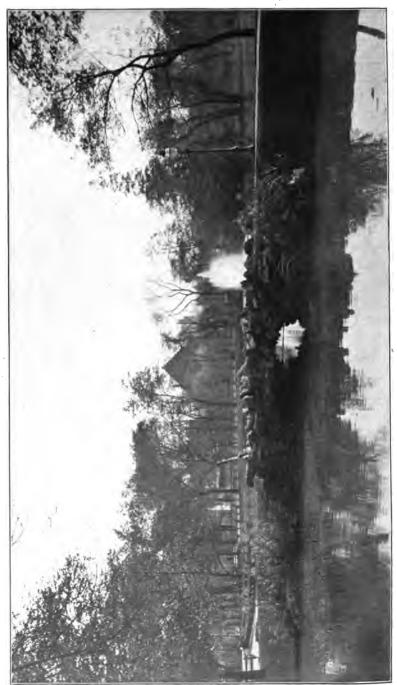
The west end of the park was given over to the children as a playground, and teeter-totters and sand piles placed in this location, which has had a tendency to draw from the streets and the gutters a great many children who, up to that time, had only these as a possible playground. In this little corner of the park at all times of the day, from early morning until late at night, you will find great numbers of children congregated, playing ball and using the paraphernalia that is supplied by this department for their enjoyment.

During the heated term of July and August we had a night police force, who reported that there were during that time nearly sixteen hundred people who found great relief sleeping and resting in the parks, when it would have been utterly impossible to have had any sleep in the hot tenement-houses of the West End.

The bandstand, refreshment-stand, and shelter-house were all painted to conform to park surroundings, as were the entire lot of park-benches also.

The planting at this park consisted of canna, ageratum, echeveria, and alternanthera. We expect to take up the labeling of the trees and shrubs during the coming summer, and have also made preparations to build a concrete dock to replace the wooden dock that is there at the present time, which will be more serviceable, as the existing dock is in such condition that it is dangerous to leave it in its present state any longer.

The lake afforded skating during the past winter which was



enjoyed by hundreds of people during the period of frozen weather. After making a test of resistance we calculated that the ice was perfectly safe after it had frozen to three inches; and as the weather in this latitude does not permit of skating very frequently, we find it meets with the approval of the general public, and gives a great deal of pleasure by allowing them to use the ice whenever it reaches a thickness of three inches. An average of about one thousand people were on the ice during the skating-days.

In the summer there is splendid boating on the water, which covers an area of about three acres, and affords recreation of many kinds, and also adds wonderfully to the embellishment of the park. The innumerable boats are constantly in use by the children of the neighborhood, and in fact the body of water is inadequate to accommodate the great demand for boating during the hot summer evenings. This is partially due to the very liberal rates made by Mr. Frank Daugherty, who has the boating privileges in the parks, he allowing the children to ride on the lake for one cent per ride.

## Washington Park

To keep Washington Park in condition has been a very perplexing question during the past summer. In the spring of the year grass-seed was sown and the flower-beds planted with canna, geranium, musa ensete, and acalypha. There were also placed in the basin during the summer from six to eight varieties of nymphæ (water-lilies). They have done remarkably well in this part of the city, and the experiment suggests that we can grow very successfully in the downtown districts a quantity of these lilies, which would add very materially to the collection of planting, as the aquatic garden is numbered as one of the most attractive features in parks of other cities.

Just as our work in this park had begun to make a good showing it was turned over to the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association, and when the Fall Festival was over there was nothing left but barren ground and a couple of hundred loads of refuse. We immediately began to clear away the debris, spade the ground, and sow it with grass-seed, but the entire month of October had passed before this was accomplished. The cold winds of November prohibited the germination of the seed sown, and as a con-



sequence the ground will remain barren during the entire winter. The cost of placing the park in its original condition was defrayed by the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association. Mr. J. Charles McCullough very generously supplied enough seed to sow one section of the park.

Washington Park is situated in one of the most populous districts of the city, and there is not a day from early spring until late in the fall which will not find innumerable people resting or seeking recreation in the shade of the trees and on the benches. The numbers of children who visit this park almost constantly

would indicate that there is pressing need in this locality for a playground.

As the location of the trees and the present divisional lines prohibit the placing of a playground of any consequence within this park, I would therefore recommend, if it is at all possible, that additional property from the north boundary line of Washington Park to Fourteenth Street be acquired for park purposes, that we may place a playground, wading-pool, outdoor recreation field, etc., in this very congested portion of the city.

My first impression was to recommend to your honorable board that one section of the park be used as a ball-ground, but on visiting the park from day to day during the past summer, and noticing so many aged people as well as mothers with their infant children taking pleasure in the splendid shade afforded by the trees, the thought presented itself that it would be a step in the wrong direction to destroy those beautiful trees in the heart of the city for the purpose of making a playground, thereby depriving those people of the splendid facilities that they have there for shade and quiet, a condition that could not immediately be provided in any other section of the city.

This park was kept open all night during the hot months of July and August, and a policeman placed in charge, who kept a record of the number of people sleeping there each night, which shows that 5,254 persons derived a great deal of comfort from sleeping in the park. The same conditions exist here as in other congested parts of the city; in the tenement-houses the people are hardly able to find any rest, even though they go to bed, and the men, being allowed to use the benches in the park to rest upon, get some refreshing sleep. Judging from the number of inquiries that came in after the park was closed as to whether they would be allowed to sleep there again, a great deal of good was acomplished by allowing those poor people to use the park in that way.

During the winter months the walks in Washington Park get so muddy that we are compelled to keep the gates closed to prevent people from walking through. As Kentucky rock asphalt has proven to be a splendid material for walks, having been tried in other park departments of the country, I would respectfully recommend to your honorable board that this department be given the privilege of resurfacing these walks in Washington Park with this material, which would enable us to allow the people to use the park throughout the winter season.



# Hopkins Park

This property, being situated at the top of Sycamore-street hill, at the junction of Auburn Avenue, Saunders and Bigelow streets, seems to serve as a habitat for mischiefmakers. I have received more complaint from this park than all the other parks put together. Every effort to get the co-operation of the neighbors has been made. The only practicable plan seemed to be the placing of a policeman at the park continually; but, owing to the limited amount of money in this department, I have not been able to maintain a policeman there during the entire season.

Driveway - Burnet Woods

The lawn was treated with fertilizer and sowed with a special mixture of grass-seed, flowers planted and the trees trimmed, and during the summer the grass was kept trimmed, and the park kept in a high state of cultivation throughout the entire season.

This park is one of the beauty-spots of the city, and, being in a very secluded place, were it properly used it would become a most desirable resting-place for aged people and infant children.

#### Garfield Park

Garfield Park, being centrally located, is used as a resting-place for the transient public more than any other park in the city.

Noticing that the benches were inadequate at times, there were provided quite a number of additional ones, that the people passing that portion of the city, and being enticed within the park by the beautiful shade-trees and display of tropical plants, might have an opportunity to rest for a few moments and enjoy themselves in a comfortable seat. The floricultural decorations here were carried out last summer with tropical plants, such as palms, croton, araucaria and dracæna.

This park was kept open during the hot months of July and August, and accommodated hundreds of tired and homeless people. There were but few nights when all the benches were not occupied by sleepers during the entire heated term, as is shown by the report of the policeman in charge, which states that 3,287 people took advantage of this privilege.

As this park is so near the heart of the city, I would respectfully recommend to your honorable board that there be placed near Race Street a public comfort station for the accommodation of the many shopping-people passing at all times.

During the past five or six years I have visited most of the park systems of this country, and I have observed that the parks are very much embellished through the removal of fences, and as the time has passed when stock was driven through the streets I would very respectfully request of your honorable board permission to remove the fence from around Garfield Park, in order that its beauty may be enhanced.

# McKinley Place

This playground is situated in one of the most congested districts of the city, and from early morning until late at night there can be seen mothers with small babies, as well as older people, who find great pleasure in sitting on the comfortable seats provided there and viewing the pleasant green grass which borders the playground in this beautiful little park—a treat that can be found nowhere else in that locality. This feature, connected with the great number of children who avail themselves of the space provided for their amusement, points clearly to the fact that a number of other breathing-spaces of this character should be placed throughout the thickly-settled portions of the city.

In constructing this park there was one serious omission, and that was the placing of several drinking-fountains for the children. I expect, as soon as there are available funds, to have four drinking-fountains placed in this park, which will add greatly to the comfort of those who find so much pleasure in visiting this place, and be a great deal more convenient to the children of the neighborhood, who now have to go to their homes in the hot weather for drinking-water.

We placed about eight hundred yards of sod on this park during the past summer, besides sowing it down thoroughly with our especial mixture of grass-seed, and it is now one of the beauty-spots of the city.

There has been placed within the park fifty benches, six teeter-totters, and two sand-boxes, all of which help to provide comfort and pleasure for the children of the neighborhood. There is one improvement that I deem very essential, and that is the enlargement of the playground area. The square is not large enough for both a park and a playground, and the present arrangement with the basin in the center obstructs the space that is allowed for playground purposes. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that this basin be removed, and that the cement be placed some thirty feet farther back, thus providing ample space around the outer portion of the park for shade-trees and a border of green, which would still maintain a park effect, and also make the square much more useful as a playground.

During frozen weather, at intervals, we flooded the playground, thus providing splendid skating, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those able to participate in the sport within this limited space.

#### Owis'=Nest Park

Owls'-Nest Park, one of the most beautifully-situated pieces of property on Madison Road, was given to the city about one year ago. It would not take more than five or six thousand dollars to place this property in park condition.

It was given for the purpose of being used as a playground, and its natural topography provides in the rear for a gymnasium field which would be entirely hidden from the road, and the noise that generally accompanies recreation fields would not be heard from the main street.

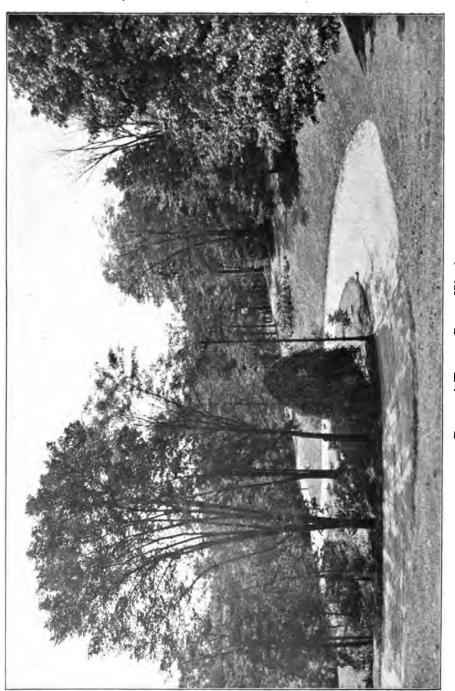
The slope extending down to the rear of the park provides a natural amphitheater, and I would therefore recommend that there be one hundred feet added to this property, which would give an opportunity to place here a beautiful recreation field, absolutely secluded from the public view. This opportunity of combining park and playground would add greatly to the usefulness of this piece of property.

The lawn has been kept mowed, the trees trimmed, and such other work done as was possible with the ground remaining in its crude state. This is about all that can be accomplished with this piece of property until funds are provided to place it in park condition, a feature which should be taken up at the earliest date possible.

The question of placing lights in this park to make it more useful for the public has been taken up by the councilman in charge of that district, and a limited number of benches were placed within the park during the past summer.

As the population near this property is increasing very rapidly, and the popularity of the park growing accordingly, I would respectfully request your honorable board to make every possible effort to raise sufficient funds to place it in park condition at the earliest possible date.





#### East-End Park

East-End Park has been used as a baseball-field during the summer, and there was hardly a day but what there was a game played, and it has become a very popular ball-ground for that neighborhood.

A number of stationary benches and six teeter-totters were placed in this park, which were thoroughly enjoyed by ine children.

As there is no sidewalk in front of this property, I would recommend that at the very earliest possible time a concrete walk be placed along the entire length of the property, as it would make it much more pleasant for the masses of people that walk to and fro from their work along Eastern Avenue.

## Burnet Hvenue and Reading Road Park

As Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Triangle was a very unsightly piece of property, and its location so prominent that it was conspicuous to thousands of people daily, it was deemed advisable to place it in park condition early in the summer.

The property was graded, water-mains supplied, sod laid, and cement walks constructed where necessary, and it has since become one of the prettiest little parks we have in the city.

#### Uine and Hollister Streets Park

Vine and Hollister Streets Park being situated where thousands of people pass each day, we have made a floricultural display there one of the greatest features, planting some five thousand flowers, consisting of ageratum, alternanthera, echeveria, coleus, and canna.

The entire park was fertilized and sown with a special grassseed mixture, and the flowers and hedge were kept trimmed, so as to keep up the very highest state of cultivation throughout the entire season.

Since placing seats in this park it is becoming very popular, as at all times a great number of people take advantage of the refreshing atmosphere and enjoy the embellished surroundings.

#### **Huburn Place**

As Auburn Place is located similarly to Vine and Hollister Streets Park, the treatment was very much the same.

Since the people in that neighborhood have taken such a great interest in the park to see that nothing was destroyed, it has become much easier to keep it in good park condition than it would otherwise have been.

I make mention of this fact as I feel that, should the public generally know the efforts the people of Mt. Auburn are making to help embellish their park, it might have a tendency to promote a like interest in the neighborhood of other parks, which would mean a great saving to the Park Department in maintenance.

## Wilson Common

Wilson Common is located on Price Hill. As it comes in the direct line of the new park plans, there has been very little done, with the exception of trimming the grass on the level portion. It is so situated that very little can be accomplished in the way of drives or approaches unless additional property is acquired.

In order even to place it in condition for a playground there will have to be a very great deal of grading done, as no part of it is sufficiently level to place playground paraphernalia on; consequently I have allowed it to lay dormant, that it might be used as a portion of the new parkway system.

## Cyler Davidson Fountain

The maintenance feature of Fountain Square is a serious one, as there are thousand of people passing over the esplanade daily. The steps that encircle the entire esplanade are a very enticing place for people to sit down and rest. The fountain, being a very noted and interesting piece of work, attracts hundreds of transient people here to see and study the beautiful work of art, while others eat their lunches and distribute paper and other debris that causes an endless amount of cleaning at this place.

The trees were fertilized, and the circles that were placed there filled with tropical plants, which add very materially to the embellishment of the surroundings.

There has been an urgent appeal to Council to pass a bond issue for the placing of public comfort stations under either end of the esplanade, and while there has been some strenuous opposition, the public is becoming educated in the nature of these facilities, and the opposition is gradually dying away. If nothing unforeseen happens, Council will have provided sufficient funds to place these public comfort stations underneath the esplanade within a very short time. If this feature of our work is accomplished, Cincinnati will have advanced one step more toward emulating the great cities of the East, as well as all the oriental centers of Europe, where improvements of this kind have proven very beneficial both to the health and convenience of the great mass of people of those cities.

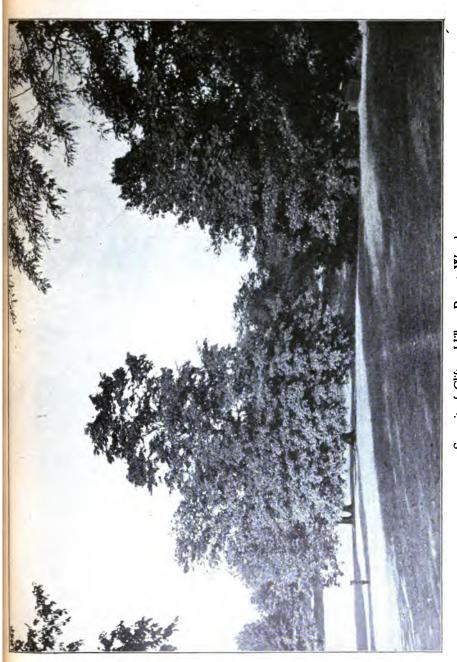
Before making comment on the new work which has or will have to be taken up by this department, I wish to say that the maintenance feature of park work consists of so many different branches that it is of necessity very arduous work both from a technical as well as a physical point of view.

While the work has been done well, and every thing accomplished that could possibly have been with the amount of money provided, I am greatly indebted for the able assistance of Mr. Louis M. Moller and Mr. H. F. Hopkins at Eden Park, Mr. David Knott, head florist at the Eden-Park greenhouses, Mr. William Sunderbruch at Lincoln Park, Mr. Herman J. Bode at Washington Park, and Mr. George Theis at Burnet Woods, as well as to the caretakers of the various small parks; also to Miss Florice L. Webber, who has been untiring in her work in the office, this work being of such a nature that it required experience as well as technical knowledge to accomplish all she has so faithfully executed.

#### **New Park Work**

The new work of the Park Department has lain dormant most of the summer because of the fact that the million dollar bond issue provided by the legislature for park extension purposes has been entirely expended in the acquisition of park property.

LYTLE PARK—Lytle Park has been the city's property for the past two years, and it has been in a perplexing state ever since it was purchased, the Lytle home being the principal bone of contention. The question is raised from time to time as to whether or not the historical value of the building is really worth the space of ground it occupies. This department has taken no active part in the adjustment of this question, as the contention properly involves the Historical Society of the city and the people living in proximity to Lytle Park. Repeated efforts to secure funds to place Lytle Park in park condition were fruitful in the early part of October, as Council then authorized a bond issue of \$20,000 for park extension purposes, and \$6,500 of this was set aside to be used for the purpose of improving Lytle Park. Work was immediately commenced, but the appearance of cold



Summit of Clifton Hill - Burnet Woods

weather soon afterward stopped all improvements; but with the return of spring they will be pushed rapidly forward, and it is expected that this park will be finished by the early summer of 1907. The plan at present contemplated provides for the proper landscaping of the ground, placing of cement walks, planting of trees and shrubs, and the necessary sodding. There will also be drinking-fountains provided.

INWOOD PARK—The rough topography of Inwood Park will necessitate the expenditure of a large sum of money; still its



situation between thickly-populated districts will make it a very useful piece of property for a playground and recreation field. The proposal to place playgrounds, tennis courts, and provide for a lake was taken up with the engineer, and from a cursory view we concluded that these features could be worked out admirably, and that this property would become one of the most useful parks of the city. Work will be pushed forward as soon

as provisions are made for the financing of it. The engineer has been instructed to make a survey of the park, that the different pieces of property may be compiled as a whole and put on the records accordingly.

Calhoun-Street Extension of Burnet Woods—The grading of the Calhoun-street end of Burnet Woods will be completed in a short time, but this addition does not serve the purpose of making the park what it should be, for there should be an additional strip of property acquired on Calhoun Street, that there might be placed a convenient city entrance to Burnet Woods. From this main entrance two drives could be built, encircling the hills in different directions, thereby giving the public a greater use of that portion of Burnet Woods than has been enjoyed up to the present time.

Hunt-Street Athletic Ground—This property will be filled ready to place in park condition by July or August of 1907. It is proposed to make this one of the largest and best-equipped outdoor gymnasiums of the country. It will be necessary that provisions be made for a sufficient amount of money to start this work, for any delay now means to further the time when the public will have the benefit of a modern, well-equipped gymnasium field, a thing that is badly needed in this city. As all other cities have availed themselves of the opportunity to provide suitable conveniences for the people, unless we push forward in this kind of improvements we will be very materially behind other cities of our class.

BURYING-GROUND AT HYDE PARK—The triangle situated at Madison Road and Erie Avenue has become the city's property through the annexation of Hyde Park. The fact of its having been used as a cemetery has prohibited the ornamentation of it thus far. The grass and weeds have been cut throughout the past summer. That was about all that could be done with this property. There is an additional strip of property adjacent to

this and extending to Stettinius Avenue that I would recommend be purchased, that there may be sufficient acreage to make the park of some use, as that part of the city is growing up very rapidly, and this will be a very useful site for a neighborhood park.

The foregoing covers only important matter, such as actual work done and incidents encountered, that bear with direct interest on the Park Department, all the matter having been concentrated to evade the tiresomeness that would follow the enumeration of detailed matter.

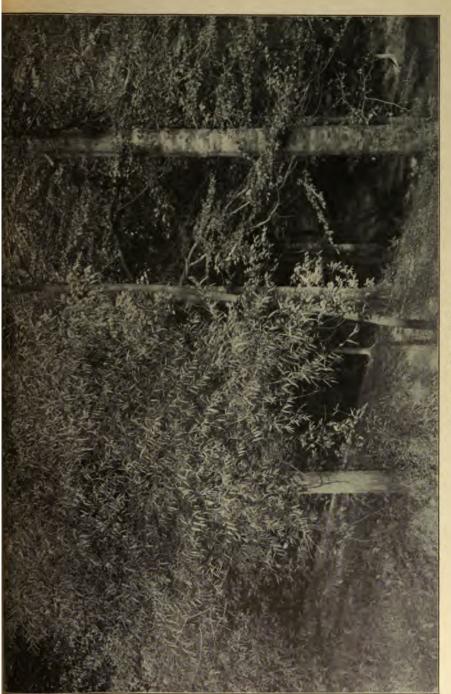
I have included in this report a comparison of our parks with twenty of the large cities of the United States, a list of the different species of trees grown in the parks, and statistics showing the area, date of acquisition, and cost of each piece of park property owned by the city, because of the fact that we have a great number of calls for the above-named items, and by including it herein we will be able to mail to the persons wishing such data a copy of our annual report, thus saving a great deal of time and annoyance in looking up such information every time it is asked for.

Owing to the delay in having this report printed, we have been enabled, through the kindness of the Park Commission, which has recently made its report on a general system of parks for Cincinnati, to incorporate herein a map of such proposed parks and parkways, which may prove an interesting feature to all who are interested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. RODGERS,

Superintendent of Parks.



Ravine Burnet Woods

# LIST OF TREES

# Growing in the Parks of Cincinnati, arranged according to their Natural Order

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#### MR. J. W. RODGERS, Superintendent of Parks:

DEAR SIR,—Engaged by you to label the trees in Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park, and to furnish you a list of the different species of trees growing therein, I beg to report that I have labeled four hundred trees in the parks mentioned, comprising eighty-eight species, a list of which, arranged in their natural order, I append to this report. To complete the work about four hundred more labels are needed.

In regard to the nomenclature, let me say that I followed Gray's Manual of Botany, Loudon's Arboretum, and Koch's Dendrology in preference to the new nomenclature adopted by the Association for the Advancement of Science, because the text-books now in use have been changed.

Permit me to call your attention to a few facts bearing upon the present arborescent condition of our parks.

The improvements made in our parks during the last twelve years have not extended to the trees; on the contrary, the latter have been sadly neglected. Since their establishment only one new species—the Catalpa Bungei—has been added; while in Burnet Woods three species—the Butternut, the Hop-tree, and the Scarlet Maple—have become extinct. In the same park the grand old Beeches are decaying very rapidly. This decay is caused by the removal and burning of the fallen leaves in the autumn and in early spring. The roots of the Beeches, which trail along on or near the surface of the ground, need the protection of leaves. Where this protection is removed trees become top-dry, or stag-horned.

This removal of the forest-litter and the burning-over of the ground also caused the disappearance of the early spring flowers, which, years ago, made the older portion of Burnet Woods so attractive.

The washouts or gullies, which were formerly unknown in Burnet Woods, and which are now becoming deeper and more numerous, are due to the same cause. Our parks should not be mere places for recreation. They should be instructive; they should be experiment stations of arboriculture for this part of our country. They should contain not only all the species of trees and shrubs indigenous to Southwestern Ohio, but all other species that grow in this climate and soil. The people of this city naturally look to you for this kind of an improvement.

A herbarium of all the trees growing in our parks is now being prepared, and will be submitted as soon as possible.

Thanking you and the honorable Board of Public Service for the honor conferred upon me by delegating me to do this special work, I am

Most respectfully yours,

ADOLPH LEUE, A. M., PH. D.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 16, 1906.

ORDER: MAGNOLIACIÆ-MAGNOLIA FAMILY.

Magnolia acuminata (Cucumber-tree).

Three fine specimens near music-stand, Burnet Woods.

Liriodendron Tulipifera (Tulip-tree).

Abundant along the drive around music-stand in Burnet Woods and in Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

ORDER: ANONACEÆ-PAWPAW FAMILY.

Asimina triloba (Pawpaw).

Burnet Woods.

ORDER: TILIACEÆ-LINDEN FAMILY.

Tilia Americana (American Linden, Basswood).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Tilia sylvestris (European Linden).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park. Tilia parvifolia (Small-leaved Linden).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

ORDER: RUTACIÆ-RUE FAMILY.

Ailanthus glandulosa (Tree of Heaven).

Garfield Park.

ORDER: SAPINDACEÆ-SOAPBERRY FAMILY.

Æsculus Hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut).

Burnet Woods.

Æsculus glabra (Buckeye).

Burnet Woods.

Acer campestre (European Field Maple).

Burnet Woods.

Acer dasycarpum (Silver Maple).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Acer dasycarpum, variety laciniatum (Cut-leaved Maple).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Acer platanoides (Norway Maple).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park,

Acer Pennsylvanicum (Striped Maple). Eden Park.

Acer rubrum (Red Maple).

Eden Park.

Acer saccharinum (Sugar Maple).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Acer negundo-Syn. Negundo aceroides (Box Elder).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Acer nigrum (Black Sugar Maple).
Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

ORDER: ANACARDIACEÆ-SUMACH FAMILY.

Rhus cotinus (Smoke-tree).

Eden Fark.

ORDER: LEGUMINOSÆ-PULSE FAMILY.

Robina pseudacacia (Black Locust).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Gymnocladus Canadensis (Kentucky Coffee Nut). Eden Park.

Gleditschia triacanthos (Honey Locust).

Eden Park and Burnet Woods. (A most peculiar specimen of this tree grows in Burnet Woods, on the left of the drive from the lake to the stable — three trees joined into one.)

Cercis Canadensis (Red Bud).

Eden Park and Burnet Woods.

Cladrastis tinctoria (Yellow Wood).
Burnet Woods.

ORDER: ROSACEÆ-ROSE FAMILY.

Prunus serotina (Wild Black Cherry).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Prunus Mahaleb (European Wild Black Cherry).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Cratægus oxycantha (English Hawthorn).

ORDER: HAMAMELACEÆ-WITCHHAZEL FAMILY.

Liquidambar styraciflua (Sweet Gum).

Eden Park, Burnet Woods, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

ORDER: CORNACEÆ-DOGWOOD FAMILY.

Cornus florida (Flowering Dogwood).

Eden Park.

Nyssa sylvatica (Tupelo, or Sour Gum).

Burnet Woods.

ORDER: EBONACEÆ-EBONY FAMILY.

Diospyros Virginiana (Persimmon).

Burnet Woods.

ORDER: OLEACEÆ-OLIVE FAMILY.

Fraxinus Americana (White Ash).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garneld Park.

Fraxinus quadrangulata (Blue Ash).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Fraxinus sambucifolia (Black Ash).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Fraxinus excelsior (European Ash).

Burnet Woods, Washington Park, Eden Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Chionanthus Virginica (Fringe-tree). Burnet Woods.

ORDER: BIGNONIACEÆ-BIGNONIA FAMILY.

Catalpa speciosa (Western Catalpa).

Eden Park, Washington Park, and Garfield Park.

Catalpa Bungei (Chinese Catalpa).

Eden Park and Washington Park.

ORDER; LAURACEÆ-LAUREL FAMILY.

Sassafras officinale (Sassafras).

Eden Park.

ORDER: URTICACEÆ-NETTLE-TREE FAMILY.

Ulmus Americana (White Elm).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Ulmus fulva (Red Elm, Slippery Elm).

Burnet Woods (beautiful specimens around music-stand), Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Ulmus racemosa (Cork Elm).

Burnet Woods.

Ulmus alata (Winged Elm).

Burnet Woods.

Ulmus campestris (Scotch Elm, English Elm, European Field Elm). Eden Park.

Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry).

The most beautiful specimen of this tree stands near the road between hothouses and water-tower, Eden Park; Burnet Woods, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Morus rubra (Red Mulberry).

Burnet Woods.

Maclura aurantiaca (Osage Orange).

Eden Park.

ORDER: PLATANACEÆ-PLANE-TREE FAMILY.

Platanus occidentalis (Sycamore).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Lincoln Park, and Garfield Park.

Platanus orientalis (Oriental Sycamore). Washington Park.

ORDER: JUGLANDACEÆ-WALNUT FAMILY.

Juglans nigra (Black Walnut).

Burnet Woods, and Eden Park.

Carya porcina (Pignut Hickory).

Eden Park.

ORDER: CUPULIFERÆ-OAK FAMILY.

Quercus alba (White Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus rubra (Red Oak).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Quercus cocinea (Scarlet Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus palustris (Pin Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus phellos (Willow Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus macrocarpa (Burr Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus prinus (Chestnut Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus impricaria (Laurel Oak).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, and Washington Park.

Quercus robur (English Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Quercus fastigiata (Pyramidal Oak).

Burnet Woods.

Quercus cerris (Turkey Oak).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Fagus ferruginea (Beech).

Burnet Woods.

Ostrya Virginica (Hop Hornbeam).

Eden Park.

Carpinus Caroliniana (Hornbeam, Blue Beech).

ORDER: BETULACEÆ-BIRCH FAMILY.

Betula populifera (American White Birch).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Betula alba (European White Birch).

Betula alba, var. laciniata pendula (Weeping Birch).

Burnet Woods.

Alnus glutinosa (Black Alder).

Alnus incana (Hoary Alder).

Burnet Woods and Washington Park.

ORDER: SALICACEÆ-WILLOW AND POPLAR FAMILY.

Salix alba (White Willow).

Eden Park.

Salix fragilis (Crack Willow).

Eden Park.

Salix Babylonica (Weeping Willow).

Burnet Woods.

Populus alba (Silver Poplar).

Eden Park, Washington Park, and Lincoln Park.

Populus monilifera (Carolina Poplar).

Burnet Woods, Eden Park, Washington Park, Garfield Park, and Lincoln Park.

Populus fastigiata (Lombardy Poplar).

Eden Park and Burnet Woods.

ORDER: CONIFERÆ-PINE FAMILY.

Pinus Strobus (White Pine).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Pinus Austriaca (Austrian Pine).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Pinus sylvestris (Scotch Pine).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Pinus Mughus (Mugho Pine).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Picea alba (White Spruce).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Picea excelsa (Norway Spruce).

Burnet Woods.

Tsuga Canadensis (Hemlock Spruce).

Burnet Woods and Eden Park.

Taxodium distichum (Bald Cypress).

Eden Park and Lincoln Park.

Larix Europea (European Larch).

Eden Park.

Salisburia adiantifolia (Gingho-tree).

Eden Park, Burnet Woods, and Washington Park.

Koelreuteria paniculata (Varnish-tree). Saphora Japonica (Pagoda-tree).

A Shady Drive --- Burnet Woods

# CINCINNATI PARKS

#### As Compared with those of other Leading Cities

CITY	Population 1900		Value of Property—1903
New York City	3,437,202	6.863.2	\$285,141,700 00
Boston, Mass	560.892	2.912.0	50 017.975 00
Philadelphia, Pa		4.137 3	30.868,000 00
Buffalo, N. Y		1,049 0	6,289,730 00
Cleveland, Ohio		1,523.3	19,622,479 00
Indianapolis, Ind	169,164	1.317.0	830,600 00
Louisville, Ky	204.731	1,350.0	1,250,000 00
St. Louis, Mo	575,238	2,198.4	10,729,850 00
Baltimore, Md	508,957	3,433.9	2,578,527 00
Hartford, Conn	79,850	1,135,3	504.969 00
New Bedford, Mass	62,442	192.0	200,541 00
Detroit, Mich	285,704	1,253.7	8,894,894 00
Albany, N. Y	94,151	324.4	1,270,446 00
Rochester, N. Y	162,608	727.8	1,710,637 00
Milwaukee, Wis	285,315	533.8	2,977,000 00
Minneapolis, Minn	202,718	1,813.2	4,676,357 00
Chicago, Ill.	1,698,575	2,463.0	32,868,784 00
Kansas City, Mo		2,050.0	4,010.000 00
Toledo, Ohio	131,822	987.0	1,162,250 00
Cincinnati, Ohio (1906)	400,000	459.817	6,520,303 00

# AREA, DATE OF ACQUISITION, AND COST

#### Of Property comprising Parks of Cincinnati on December 31, 1906

•	Cost of Land	Acreage
EDEN PARK  Land leased from Dec. 1, 1865 to Jan. 1, 1869. 633,514 81  Land leased from Jan. 1, 1869 to Dec. 31, 1906. 214,500 00  Total amount paid for leases. 848,014 81		214.25
Land for Eden Park was purchased in 1859, 1866, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1890, 1881, and 1893 at a cost of		
Total cost of Eden-Park property	1,699,927 81	
BURNET WOODS  Land leased from Oct. 18, 1872 to July 1, 1881		163.50
Total cost of Burnet-Woods property	746,855 68	
HOPKINS PARK		1.00
LINCOLN PARK		10.00
Amount carried forward	\$2,446,783 49	

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Amount brought forward	. 2,446,783 49	
quired by the second exchange, on Aug. 14, 1837. The land acquired thus was used as a Potter's Field, the Pesthouse being also located thereon, for about twenty years. Steps were first taken to convert it into a park in June, 1858.		
WASHINGTON PARK Land purchased in 1858 and 1863	138,050 00	5.60
GARFIELD PARK.  This land was given to the city on April 9, 1817, by John H. Piatt and Benjamin M. Piatt, to be used as a market-space. It was protected by an ordinance passed by Council, and used as a park-as early as April 6, 1843, and on June 19, 1888, it was dedicated formally to park use.		1.00
Total cost and acreage of old park property	\$2,584,833 49	395.35
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	1,880 27	0.16
VINE AND HOLLISTER STREETS PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	14,429 82	2.50
KAST-END PARK	36,555 42	7.50
AUBURN PLACE Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	21,555 15	0.8
McKINLEY PLACE. Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	50,694 39	1.21
CALHOUN-STREET EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	71,528 91	1.50
LYTLE PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	242,898 31	1.36
OWLS'-NEST PARK  Gift of Chas. E. Perkins and Edw. C. Perkins, in memory of their father, James Handasyd Perkins, and their mother, Sarah Elliott Perkins. Accepted by the city on July 31, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc.	. 382 83	5.8
WILSON COMMON	174 55	8.395
HUNT STREET ATHLETIC GROUNDS	247, <b>7</b> 98 13	12.8
BURYING-GROUND IN HYDE PARK		2.75
INWOOD PARKLand purchased in 1905 and 1906	105,138 59	19.492
GILBERT AVENUE AND ELSINORE CORNERLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	12,324 90	0.2
Total cost and acreage of new park property	\$805,856 27	64.467
Total cost and acreage of all park property on Dec. 31, 1906	22 200 120 76	459.817

## PARK DEPARTMENT

#### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1906		1,856 21
Received from taxes for first six months		-,
" from taxes for second six months		
		55,701 21
Received from sale of wood		4 00
" from sale of flowers and plants		5 69
" from refreshment and boating privileges		496 50
" from fine imposed		10 00
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Paceived through Ordinance passed by Council from Contingent)		58,073 61
Received through Ordinance passed by Council from Contingent Account, General Fund, for the purpose of employing extra policemen during time parks downtown were open all night, {		500 00
policemen during time parks downtown were open all night,	-	
the sum of		
Total		\$58,573 61
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EXPENDITURES		
Payrolls—Eden Park	19,450 97	
Burnet Woods	9,112 65	
Lincoln Park	3,001 80	
Washington Park	3,208 97	
Auburn Place	597 53	
Owls'-Nest Park	628 57	
McKinley Place	1,346 29	
Hopkins Park	768 99	
Vine and Hollister Streets Park	617 14	
Wilson Common	117 25	
Office	3,285 00	
		42,135 16
Cement Walks, Park Benches, Telephone and Patrol Boxes, Feed		
and Stabling, etc.:		
Account books, office supplies, etc	142 15	
Annual reports	151 <b>60</b>	
Blacksmith and wagon repairs	150 50	
Bonds of park police	46 00	
Breaking stone	55 95	
Brick chimney	303 50	
Brushes, brooms, mops, etc	23 40	
Cash paid (sundry small bills)	84 90	
Concrete docks at Burnet and Lincoln parks	252 23	
Convention expenses	103 00	
Disinfectants	109 50	
Dynamo	385 00	
Electric wiring	35 75	
Empty barrels	6 50	
Engineering services	70 00	
Feed	1,513 07	
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Amount carried forward	<b>\$</b> 3,433 05	<b>\$42,135 16</b>



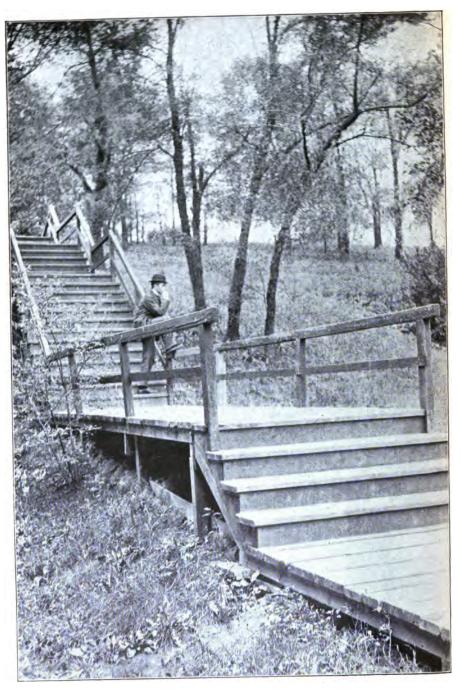
Amount brought forward	3,433*05	42,135 16
Fertilizers	2 91	
Flower-pots, labels, etc	<b>31</b> 57	
Puel	857 11	
Furniture and fixtures	68 25	
Grading, etc., baseball grounds	20 00	
Grates and frames	30 69	
Hardware, tools, etc	572 09	
Harness repairs	42 79	
Horse-keep, etc	327 60	
Horseshoeing	386 60	
Horse-bedding	1 00 19 00	
Horse-covers, whips, etc	150 10	
Ice at Eden Park and Burnet Woods	28 50	
Insecticides.	12 45	
Insurance	138 50	
Interest and sinking fund	1,840 00	
Labeling trees and tree labels	260 00	
Lumber	521 16	
Medicine for horses	21 85	
New horse	200 00	
Paints, glass, oil, turpentine, etc	283 26	
Painting band-stands	98 00	
Plants, trees, shrubbery, grass-seed, etc	706 02	
Police badges, wreaths, etc	10 20	
Plumbing and repairs	435 47	
Rent for Wilson Common	15 10	
Repairs to boiler	18 78	
Repairs to buggy	152 70	
Rubber boots	28 38	
Repairs to fence	22 00	
Salt	48:30	
Sand	3 00	
Sewer-pipe, lime, cement, etc	62 82	
Signs	20 00 15 62	
Soil, sod, and earth	318 00	
Squirrels and squirrel-houses	36 50	
Steam-roller repairs	473 58	
Stone (crushed)	144 45	
Street-sprinkling	469 66	
Stove repairs	32 30	
Tanbark	42 00	
Teams and cart-hire	36 63	
Telephones and patrol boxes	255 21	
Veterinary surgeon	60 00	
Walling in boilers	331 50	
Waste	11 88	
Wire fencing	3 23	
Wire netting, etc	4 73	10 104 54
		13,104 54
3		55,239 70
Balance on hand	· · · · · · · · · · · ·	3,333 91
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### COST OF MAINTAINING EACH PARK IN 1906

#### EDEN PARK:

Payrolls  Martin J. Riley, horseshoeing  Henry Burdorf, horseshoeing	183 75 18 35	19,450 97
Walnut Hills Coal and Mining Co., fuel Castner, Curran & Bullitt, fuel Fairmont Coal Co., fuel Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	720 05 19 00 15 00 25 00	202 10
James Griffith & Sons Co., lumber	339 46 10 99	779 05 350 45
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., bulbs and grass-seed D. Rusconi, bulbs	291 98 224 34 42 84 25 48	581 64
Maryland Casualty Co., insurance	54 00 17 80 8 90 8 90 8 90	98 50
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., insecticides	5 55 6 50	12 05
Cincinnati and Sub. Bell Tel. Co., telephones and patrol-boxes.  Port Huron Salt Co., salt	9 30	189 21 48 30
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., glass	10 90 18 51	29 41
Jos. Heuermann, feed	98 34 43 51 624 99 95 63	862 47
Queen-City Supply Co., hardware, tools, etc	6 80 270 27 2 00 10 05 14 70 6 13	309 45
Wm. C. Robinson Co., engine oil	11 44 6 07 2 00	19 51
Bell-Smith Factory Supplies Co., waste	• 15 25 63 00	11 88
Amount carried forward.		\$23,028 24

Amount brought forward	23,028 24
Cambridge Tile Mfg. Co., flower-pots	
Alms & Doepke Co., cheesecloth	
Robt. A. Betz, hanging-baskets	
New Jersey Moss and Peat Co., sphagnum 2 60	
Wm. F. Kasting, soil pulverizer 15 42	57 00
A. Janzen & Co., soap	15 62
Hillsboro Stone Co., stone screeniugs	
William Pollard, breaking stone         35 40           Edward Hausfeld, crushing stone         62 65	
William Tracy, breaking stone         20 55	200 40
McIlvain & Spiegel, steam-roller repairs	200 40
J. S. Plymesser, steam-roller repairs	
Kelly-Springfield Road-roller Co., steam-roller repairs 65 00	
American Express Co., express charges on repairs	
Simmonds & Kupferle, steam-roller repairs	492 36
Frank Egner, mops 3 00	492 80
P. DeRoo, brooms and scrub-brushes	
Alms and Doepke Co., window-brushes 2 30	16 35
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs 26 64	
Edward J. Hanley, plumbing repairs	107 23
Barron-Boyle Co., paint	
John Kolbe Co., paint-brushes	56 57
Blumenthal's Pharmacy, horse medicine 6 85	
John Bailey, horse medicine	21 85
P. S. Gilroy, potting soil and sod	120 00
Perkins-Campbell Co., harness and harness repairs	
	41 79
Pettibone Bros. Manufacturing Co., police badges and wreaths  E. M. Bowen, roofing-tar	10 20 4 84
Kohmescher & Co., hose	• ••
Cincinnati Mill and Mine Supply Co., hose	
Schaefer Rubber Co., rubber boots	101 63
West Disinfectant Co., disinfectant	30 00
D. Rusconi, empty barrels  Martin Morris, teams	6 50 9 63
H. J. Conkling, lime, cement, and sewer-pipe	62 82
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., fountain spray	15 00
Mt. Adams Ice and Fuel Co., ice	14 50
Smith Sand Co., sand (greenhouse)	3 00
John J. Bruce, grates	32 30 21 00
Chas. Lauterbach, building brick chimney	#E 00
Moores-Coney Co., sand for chimney	303 50
Novelty Sign Co., automobile signs	8 00
Chas. Lauterbach, walling-in boilers	331 50
J. A. Trautman & Co., dynamo at workshop	385 00
Total Cost of maintaining Eden Park in 1906	\$25,496 83

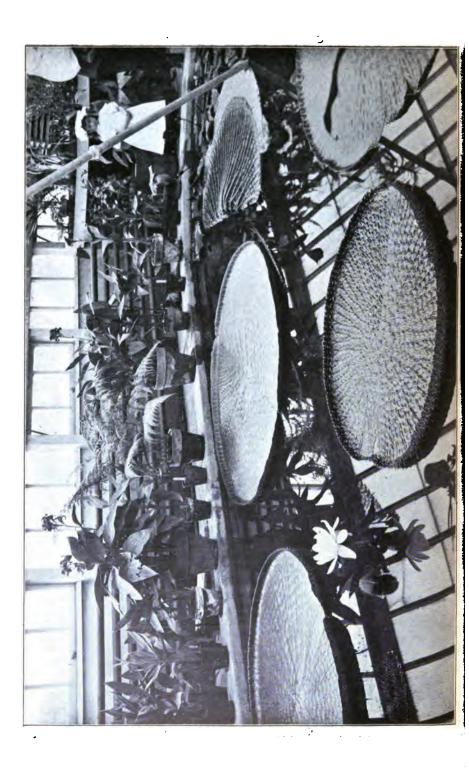


Springtime—Eden Park

RNET WOODS:	
Payrolls	9,112 6
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber	131 4
Pickering Hardware Co., rings and bolts for cement dock . 6 00	
Moores-Coney Co., cement and gravel 150 48	
John H. Bushelman, gravel for dock	160 2
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc	
Scheve Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc	
Evans Bros. Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc 5 95	150 9
Kohmescher & Co., hose	
Schaefer Rubber Co., rubber boots 11 30	41 6
John Boehringer, horseshoeing 82 10	
J. L. Schmalz, horseshoeing	132 1
Christian Bardes & Sons, tanbark	42 0
John Kolbe Co., turpentine, etc	
Ira D. Washburn Co., paint and oil 110 75	115 1
Morrison & Snodgrass, horse-bedding	1 0
Early & Daniel, feed	
J. Heuermann, feed	
H. J. Borgmann, feed	
Union Grain and Hay Co., feed59 31	650 6
J. Schauffert & Co., plumbing repairs	91 4
J. D. Cloud, horse "Clifford"	200 0
Ice Delivery Co., ice	14 0
John Finn, blacksmith and wagon repairs	65 2
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod	108 0
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., fuel 3 25	
Fairmont Coal Co., fuel	
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	
Walnut Hills Coal and Mining Co., fuel 41 16	66 1
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed	74 7
J. D. Engelbert, painting band-stand	63 0
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant	30 0
Emil J. Heckle, engineering services	45 0
Martin J. Morris, teams	27 0
Connecticut Fire Insurance Co., insurance 8 00	
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., insurance 8 00	
Eureka Fire and Marine Insurance Co., insurance 8 00	
American Central Insurance Co., insurance	
Ohio Farmers Insurance Co., insurance	40 0
Intern'l Harvester Co. of America, repairs for mowing machine	8 4
Novelty Sign Co., automobile signs	12 0
John J. Bruce, gutter-grates and frame	8 1
Total Cost of maintaining Burnet Woods in 1906	\$11,390 9
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LINCOLN PARK:	
Payrolls	3,001 80 134 35
	101 00
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., fuel	5 95
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., bench-slats	7 20 50
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware	27 00
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant	21 00
Detroit Graphite Co., paint	
	50 60
Louis Kuertz, squirrels and houses	36 50
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed, etc	21 28
Herman Eggers, sprinkling	214 66
J. D. Engelbert, painting band-stand	35 <b>0</b> 0
Schuster, Walters & Co., wiring band-stand	27 00
H. Von Behren, wire netting	4 73
Pickering Hardware Co., rings and bolts for dock	6 00
Moores-Coney Co., cement for dock	92 00
Total Cost of maintaining Lincoln Park in 1906	\$3,664 57
WASHINGTON PARK:	
Payrolls	3,208 97
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., fuel 2 95	
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	5 95
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed and insecticide	21 68
J. Wilder & Co., hardware, tools, etc	22 00
H. Belmer & Co., wire fencing	
Davis & Siehl, repairs to iron fence 22 00	25 23
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William Welsh, plumbing	
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., fountain spray 15 00	
E. J. Nolan Plumbing Co., plumbing 21 79	67 29
Marqua Carriage and Toy Co., wheels for truck	7 00
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod	20 00
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber	25 92
Kleemeier Bros., sprinkling	150 00
John J. Bruce, grate	1 50
E. J. Heckle, engineering services	25 00
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant	22 50
Total Cost of maintaining Washington Park in 1906	\$3,603 04
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HOPKINS PARK:	
Payrolls	768 99
Citizens' Street Sprinkling and Cleaning Co., sprinkling	35 00
-	\$803 99
Total Cost of maintaining Hopkins Park in 1906	\$000 99

AUBURN PLACE:	
Payrolls       2 25         W. C. Peale & Bro., glass       2 00         Louis H. Bolce Co., glass       9 00	597 53
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, etc 5 16	11 25
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware tools, etc 1 40	6 <b>56</b>
J. H. Kohmescher & Co., hose	13 50 35 00 1 95
Total Cost of maintaining Auburn Place in 1906	\$665 79
VINE AND HOLLISTER STREETS PARK:	
Payrolis	617 14
J. H. Kohmescher & Co., hose	10 12
Citizens' Street Sprinkling and Cleaning Co., sprinkling	35 00
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber	4 20
Total Cost of maintaining Vine and Hollister Streets Park in 1906	\$666 46
OWLS'-NEST PARK:	
Payrolls	628 57 55
Total Cost of maintaining Owls'-Nest Park in 1906	<b>\$</b> 629 12
WILSON COMMON:	
Payrolis Trustee of the Ethan Stone estate, rent	117 25 15 10
Total Cost of maintaining Wilson Common in 1906	\$132 35
McKINLEY PLACE:	
Payrolls	1,346 29
Kohmescher & Co., hose and rubber boots	
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod	
German-Russell Co., swing-stands	146 85
Total Cost of maintaining McKinley Place in 1906	\$1,493 14
SUNDRY EXPENSES FOR ALL PARKS:	
Fidelity and Deposit Co., premium on bonds 36 00	
National Surety Co., premium on bonds	46.00
W. G. King-Dodds, veterinary services	46 00
G. F. Snider, veterinary services       15 00         J. T. Davis, veterinary services       30 00	
	60 00
Henry Grenekamp, grading, etc	20 00 3 29
Adolph Leue, labeling trees	240 00 20 00
Total Sundry Expenses charged to all Parks in 1906	\$389 29



EXPENSES INCIDENTAL to Office of Park Superintende	ent:	
Payrolls (Superintendent of Parks and Stenographer) George Welsh & Son, horsekeep W. W. Truss, horsekeep B. Maertz, horsekeep B. & H. Meyer, horsekeep Price-Hill Inclined Plane R. R. Co., freight tickets	8 50 9 50 85 25 179 35	3 285 00 327 60
J. B. Wolsefer, harness repairs Chas. E. Coleman, horseshoeing L. Lohr & Co., horseshoeing Ryan Bros., horseshoeing Otto Weber, horseshoeing G. S. Ellis & Son, horseshoeing	2 00 21 25 21 75 5 00 2 40	1 00
John Shillito Co., carriage-robe	4 00 15 00	19 00
Bode Wagon Co., buggy repairs	38 20 5 00 109 50	152 70
J. W. Rodgers, sundry small bills	84 90 103 00	187 90
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Total Expense Incidental to Office of Sup't of Parks in 1906	······=	\$4,025 60
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## \$25,000 PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND

#### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1906	<b>\$3,050 30</b>	
EXPENDITURES		
Repairs to all park buildings		
Retaining-walls		
New boilers, park benches, and road materials 2,469 17	2,956 23	
Balance on hand December 31, 1906	94 07	
- =	\$3,050 30	

### TYLER DAVIDSON FOUNTAIN FUND

#### RECEIPTS

EXPENDITURES		
Payrolls of fountain tenders 1,414 00		
Alms & Doepke Co., brushes, brooms, etc 5 13		
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., repairs to fountain 2 35		
German-Russell Co., repairing valve		
J. W. Rodgers, brooms, bucket, etc. (cash paid) 4 16		
A. Janszen & Co., mops	1,433 84	
Balance on hand December 31, 1906	66 16	
	\$1,500 00	

### WASHINGTON PARK RESTORATION FUND

(FALL FESTIVAL)

#### RECEIPTS

Received check from Cincinnati Fall Festival Association, proceeds of which are to be used in putting Washington Park in same condition it was in previous to the Fall Festival of 1906	600 00
EXPENDITURES	

Payrolls from week ending Oct. 4 to week ending Nov. 8, 1906	540 09	
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed	22 00	
Peter Heckmann, sod	16 00	578 <b>0</b> 9
Balance on hand December 31, 1906, to be expended later		21 91
		\$600 00

## PARK EXTENSION FUND

This is a Review of all the Receipts and Expenditures since the first issue of Bonds under the Longworth Act for the purpose of purchasing and improving New Park Property

#### RECEIPTS

1904—Received from sale of Park Extension bonds	
Received from rent of houses	72 50 882 50 900 00 56 25
1906—Received from sale of Park Extension bonds	20,000 00
Total receipts to December 31, 1906	\$943,727 81
EXPENDITURES	
1904—Bond issue expenses, printing and advertising 519 15 1905—Bond issue expenses, printing and advertising 936 14	155 29
1904—Sinking Fund Trustees, premiums and accrued in- terest on \$500,000 Park Extension bonds } 67,116 48	25
1905—Sinking Fund Trustees, premiums and accrued in- terest on \$350,000 Park Extension bonds	
Sinking Fund Trustees, turned over, according to law, receipts from sale of and reut from houses, less expense connected with care of same before they were disposed of	855 <b>8</b> 7
Total expense connected with issue of Park Extension bonds	<del></del>
Ordinance No. 672, passed by Council, providing a fun. \$5,000 to pay for surveys, plans, and other expenses nected with the acquisition of new park property:	
1904—Payrolls of engineers and rodmen       253 93         Car-tickets, sheet plats, and level       113 50	3 <b>67 4</b> 3
1905—Payroll of engineers and rodmen	
1906—Payrolls of engineer and rodmen       96 64         Stakes, transit repairs, etc.       40 00	.36 64
Total expense connected with engineers, surveys, etc	
Amount carried forward	\$79,438 42



Amount brought forward	79,438 42
1904—Vine and Hollister Streets Park property	
1904-Improvement to Vine and Hollister Streets Park) 2,156 35	
property	
1906—Improvement to Vine and Hollister Streets Park 12 25 6,044 50	
Total cost of Vine and Hollister Streets Park	20,474 82
1904—Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park property 1,095 00 1905—Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park property 785 27 1,880 27	
1906—Improvement to Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park property	
Total cost of Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park	2,435 27
1904—East-End Park property       36,415 42         1905—East-End Park property       140 00	
1905—East-End Park property	36,555 42
1904—Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Corner property 12,150 00	
1905—Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Corner property 174 90 12,324 90	
1904—Improvement to Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Cor- ner property	10 = 11 10
Total cost of Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Corner	12,711 43
1904—Lytle Park property       130 00         1905—Lytle Park property       242.768 31         242.768 31       242.898 31	
1905—Improvement to Lytle Park	
Total cost of Lytle Park	245,971 12
1904—Calhoun Street property       260 00         1905—Calhoun Street property       71,052 69         1906—Calhoun Street property       216 22       71,528 91	
1905—Improvement to Calhoun Street property 1,171 68 1906—Improvement to Calhoun Street property	
Total cost of Calhoun Street extension	74,741 22
1904—McKinley Place property       120 00         1905—McKinley Place property       50,574 39         50,694 39	
1905—Improvement to McKinley Place	
Total cost of McKinley Place	55,760 83
1904—Auburn Place property       110 00         1905—Auburn Place property       21,445 15       21,555 15	
1905—Improvement to Auburn Place property	
Total cost of Anburn Place	26,397 75
Amount carried forward	\$554,485 78

Amount brought forward	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	<b>554,48</b> 5
1905—Owls'-Nest Park, taxes and recording deed	382 83	
1906-Improvement to Owis'- Nest Park property 10 28	178 28	
Total cost of Owls'- Nest Park		561
1905-Wilson Common, taxes and recording deed		174
1906—Fourth, Flfth, Park, and Mill Streets property, examination of         1905—Hunt Street Park property	title	390
1906—Improvement to Hunt Street Park property 5,697 92 1906—Improvement to Hunt Street Park property 1.556 89	•	
Total cost of Hunt Street Park property		255,047
1905—Inwood Park property	210 00	
1906—Inwood Park property	04,928 59	H
Total cost of Inwood Park property	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	105,1
905—Barr, Kenyon, Mound, and Cutter Streets property 905—Ludlow Avenue triangle		5 12
905—Miscellaneous expenses connected with purchase of new parks. 536 11	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1
906-Miscellaneous expenses connected with purchase of)		II.

Total miscellaneous expenses for property and improvements to same. . 1906-Columbia Avenue Park property.....

1905-Miscellaneous improvements to new parks......

1906—Expenses of Park Commission..... Total amount spent from Park Extension Fund to Dec. 31, 1906...... 919,23 Balance on hand December 31, 1906..... 24,49

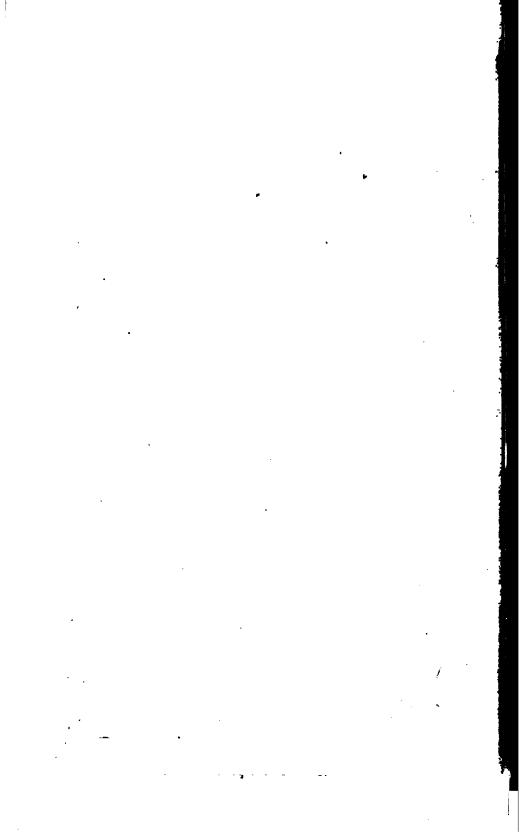
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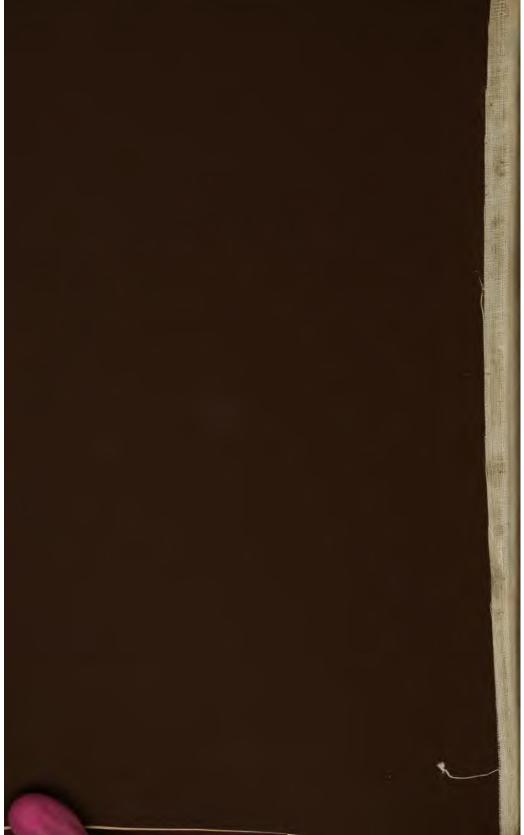
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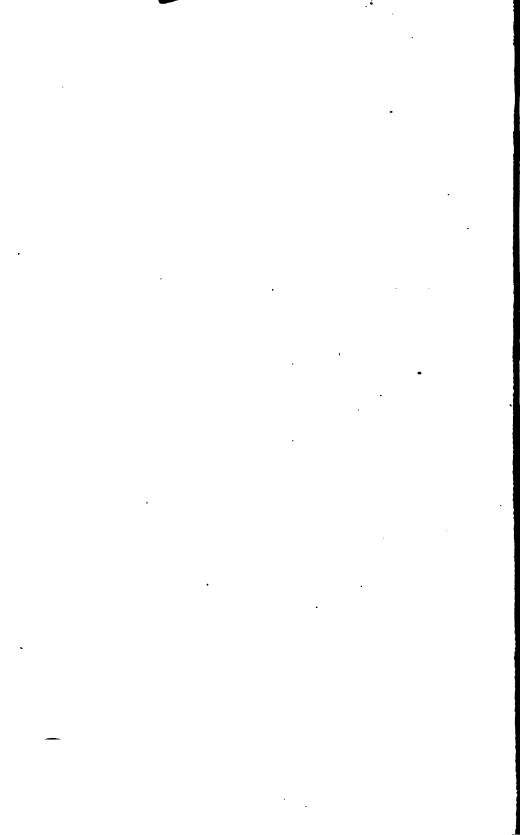
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## PARK DEPARTMENT

CINCINNATI, O., January 1, 1908.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Service:

Gentlemen — In accordance with the requirements of your honorable board I take pleasure in submitting to you a report of the proceedings in the Park Department for the past year.

Owing to the lack of money in the Park Improvement Fund, the placing in condition of new park property has been greatly delayed. This state of affairs should not exist because of the fact that the cessation of needed improvements and innovations causes the general public to grow apathetic concerning the welfare of the parks of our city.

If there could be provided a fund of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 per annum for the improvement of new and existing park properties, this expenditure could be used along a definitely prepared plan, and our parks would soon become a splendid feature of the city government. With the abovenamed sum of money available each year for some four or five years, adequate shelter-houses could be built in the existing parks, comfort facilities provided, and additional necessary roadways built, as well as the unkept places resurfaced and graded where it has been found to be necessary in both Burnet Woods and Eden Park, especially in a number of the more conspicuous places where it has become an absolute necessity.

Water mains so badly needed along all the driveways in the large parks could also be laid, making it possible to have hose connections at intervals of from one to two hundred feet, thus giving the department an opportunity to keep the lawns thoroughly watered, which would add wonderfully to the appearance and to the comfort of those who visit the park for recreation from time to time.

A complete planting of trees and shrubs on the slopes of Eden Park facing the river would answer a double purpose—first, from an economic view, the holding of ground on the rugged places by the intertwining of roots in the soil, thereby preventing entirely the sloughing-off of the steep slope that is continually precipitating into Columbia Avenue; and, secondly, making a greatly enhanced appearance, especially from the river, which alone would amply repay the department for the expenditure.

If the sloughing-off was prevented by the planting of this slope, it would abate one of the most trying annoyances the department has had to contend with during the past number of years in having one damage suit after another every time there is a heavy rain.

The small amount of land lying between present park property and Columbia Avenue prompts me to recommend to your honorable board the acquisition of all the property adjacent to Eden Park and extending to Columbia Avenue. This would bring to an end all litigation of property-holders for damages caused by landslides. With the acquisition of this property and the accomplishing of the above-named embellishment, in conjunction with resurfacing and sodding of various places throughout Eden Park, all of which could be done for a sum not to exceed \$100,000, Cincinnati would have in Eden Park one of the most beautiful parks in this country.

One of the innovations most needed in the Park Department is a municipal nursery. I would recommend to your honorable board that a lease be made of some ten acres of ground suitably located for nursery purposes. At this nursery could be cultivated and grown to plantable size sufficient shrubs and trees to plant from twenty to twenty-five thousand plants each year in the different parks from two to three years after seeds and cuttings were placed in the ground. This method of providing trees and shrubs has been successfully carried out in the cities of Boston, Detroit and Cleveland.

The thousands of trees and shrubs grown by these cities in their own nurseries prompts me to be more persistent in trying to establish a municipal nursery in Cincinnati.

There were planted in the different parks during the past year 6,013 trees and shrubs, and among them there were about twenty new varieties of trees that had not, up to that time, been introduced into our parks. This gives us a total of over one hundred varieties of trees. The total cost of the above-mentioned number of trees and shrubs placed on the track at the Baldwin switch was \$1,387.64. Adding to this seventy-five cents apiece for planting brings the cost of trees and shrubs planted this year up to \$4,507.75, which result shows one of the strongest arguments in favor of a municipal nursery, as the stock we obtained was not of the class we should like to have placed in the parks, but we are compelled to take just what nurserymen see fit to give us.

An experiment was made during the past year in planting Kalmia latifolia in Burnet Woods and Eden Park. This shrub has never proven a success this far north, especially when planted in limestone soil. The results of this planting have been carefully noted, and thus far conditions are very gratifying. As this is the largest planting of Kalmia made in this part of the country, the experiment is watched very closely by horticulturists generally. If the same favorable results shown up to this time continue, we shall feel justified in a much more extensive planting of this evergreen shrub.

Close observation during the past year shows that through the establishment of playgrounds at each of the parks in as far as it is feasible, a great amount of good can be derived, not only from the recreation the children receive there, but from the fact that learning to play games keeps their minds occupied; and from reports I hear, whenever playgrounds are established even on a small scale, the children are much less trouble to the neighborhood. This being a fact, I am prompted to recommend that at least thirty per centum of the money provided for improvements in the parks should go exclusively for children's playgrounds.

As the Park Department continues to grow we find that nurseries are becoming inadequate to supply the demands at



IMPROVEMENT LURAY-AVENUE PORTION EDEN PARK

all times of the year. There are large numbers of splendid varieties of plants that we could place in our greenhouses which would prove very educational, from a botanical standpoint, to the public, and make of the park a much more attractive place for the people to spend leisure moments, or students to become more conversant with the practical side of botany, and this being the case, it will be but a short time when this department will have to build a much more commodious conservatory. Experience prompts me to recommend that this be placed in a much more conspicuous place than the one at Eden Park, as by placing it near a street car line it can be reached by persons wishing to study the plants as well as by those wishing to enjoy the beauty of the blooming flowers and the refreshing display of beautiful green tropical plants.

#### Eden Park

The early part of the year was spent in resurfacing the drives and walks in this park. There was placed about 520 cubic yards of broken stone and 295 cubic yards of screenings on the drives in this park, which were very thoroughly saturated and rolled with a heavy steam-roller, using the most modern methods of resurfacing possible to obtain a smooth and lasting surface.

This was followed up with the application of an oil, soap and water emulsion to allay the dust, which proved highly satisfactory, the application being made at a cost of three-tenths of a cent per square yard.

The emulsion used on the park drives is prepared as follows:

- 100 gallons Ragland District crude oil,
  - 50 gallons water,
  - 25 pounds soap.

The soap and water are boiled vigorously for thirty minutes, when the oil is turned into the mixture and boiled until the whole has thoroughly coalesced. It is then used as a base, taking 10 per centum (or 50 gallons) of the mixture to 500 gallons of water and applying it to the surface of the road

with an ordinary sprinkling-cart. This application was tested out with an application of crude oil, and the result was greatly in favor of the emulsion. In the first place, the cost of applying crude oil is from five to seven cents per square yard, and the odor is almost unbearable. Furthermore, traffic is delayed in using crude oil at least one to two weeks after application is made, whereas, using an oil, soap and water emulsion, the soap kills the offensive odor, and by leaving the accumulated dust on the road the emulsion is so readily absorbed that traffic is not interfered with.

Comparing the method of sprinkling with water with that of using an oil emulsion, the fact that it requires the time of a man with a sprinkling-cart every day of the summer months to keep the dust laid during the day with water, while it requires but two days to make an application of oil the entire length of the driveways in Eden Park, which will last for at least two months, shows the oil emulsion to be much less expensive, and far more satisfactory as a dust-layer.

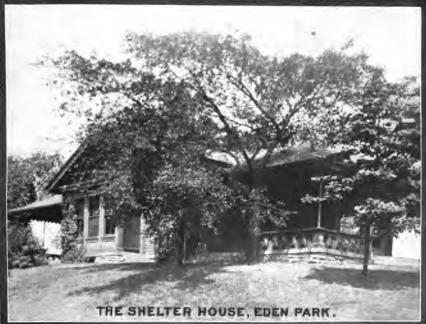
There was planted in Eden Park several hundred trees and shrubs during the planting season, all of which have done remarkably well as far as the growth is concerned, but a large number have been wantonly destroyed by either vicious persons or mischievous boys. This feature of destruction, to my mind, will continue as long as the parks are patroled by men who have become superannuated in other walks of life and are able to do nothing but a watchman's duty, where it requires but little work. Any patrol duty that falls upon them finds their strength not equal to the occasion.

The entire surface of Eden Park was sown with a special mixture of grass-seed, the formula of which follows:

5 pounds bluegrass,
5 "redtop,
3 "perennial rye,
1 "white clover.

The grass was kept cut in a neat manner during the summer, and the raking of leaves, trimming of trees, planting of flowers and various other park housekeeping duties were per-





formed in a very workmanlike manner under the able foremanship of Mr. Louis Moller.

The workshop, wagon-sheds and stable, as well as the greenhouses, were all painted in appropriate colors. Some two hundred benches were supplied, most of which were placed near the band-stand.

The music for the concerts at Eden Park, under the Schmidlapp Eden-Park Sunday Concert Fund, was furnished by John C. Weber's Grand Orchestra and Military Band, and the programs rendered were of the very highest class. There were thousands of attentive, music-loving people drawn to the park by these concerts each Sunday during the entire season. No doubt the music was the means of bringing to this beautiful park numbers of people who would never otherwise have an incentive to visit there, being unaware of any attraction other than the music.

It is estimated by persons who frequent Eden Park from time to time that the largest crowd ever assembled in this park for any special occasion was drawn there to hear the vocal concert given under the direction of Prof. Oscar Ehrgott, who furnished a chorus of two hundred voices free of charge to this department, rendering the chorus, "Heavens are Telling," from "The Creation;" the "Hallelujah" chorus from "The Messiah," by Haendel; and "Unfold, Ye Portals," from "The Redemption," by Gounod. It is hoped, since this concert was so much appreciated, as attested by the enthusiasm shown by the large, music-loving audience, that there could be some provision made whereby several vocal concerts could be given each year in the Park Department, preferably at Eden Park or Burnet Woods. Thus far the funds have not been found to carry out this thought, and the hope of further vocal concerts without funds is somewhat remote, because of the fact that quite a sum of money is needed for the orchestration, as well as for the scores used by the chorus. is estimated that to give one of these concerts would cost at least \$200.00. The department is greatly indebted to Professor Ehrgott, as it was due to him that such a concert was possible, and to his untiring efforts that it was a success.

In order that more ruralistic conditions might be provided around the band-stand at Eden Park, the macadam south of the band-stand was removed and a complete planting of trees arranged there instead, which has given a very embellished appearance and provided more useful conditions as well, since the shade-trees have made it possible for the audience to move nearer the band-stand. The removal of the macadam also makes it prohibitive for vehicles to constantly encircle the band-stand, which condition was formerly a source of great annoyance.

Miss Anne S. Hall donated a drinking-fountain which was placed on Gilbert Avenue, near Morris Street. This fountain was crected in commemoration of Miss Hall's mother, Mercy A. Hall, who was greatly devoted to animals, especially to horses, and was conveniently placed that horses coming up Gilbert Avenue with heavy loads might have a chance to get a refreshing drink.

This fountain serves as a means of refreshment for many way-worn pedestrians, who take advantage of the gift to quaff the cooling water. Small animals have also been provided for as well as horses.



### Floricultural Department

Conservatories are a valuable asset to a park department, as is demonstrated by the use made of the Eden Park greenhouses by instructors in botany in the High Schools and in the University of Cincinnati, the teachers frequently bringing their classes there to study the practical side of botany. Professor Benedict has, through the courtesy of this department.

made tests in germinating seeds by different cultural methods, which shows another practical educational use Cincinnati derives from its conservatories.

There has been added to the splendid collection of plants here during the past year some 380 palms in variety, and some three dozen ferns, as also some twenty distinct varieties of Croton, which latter purchase gives this department the largest and best collection of Crotons in the country. There was also added twenty varieties of Canna, six of which varieties were found to be the finest flowering and most desirable bedding Canna ever introduced in this city. Twenty-five named varieties of Chrysanthemum were secured in addition to the splendid list that was being grown in the collection at the greenhouse, as well as several plants of Dracæna.

While in Philadelphia an opportunity presented itself to purchase a fine collection of orchids, and seventy-eight specimens of the very best varieties were chosen, placing this department in possession of the finest collection of orchids west of Philadelphia.

The greenhouses at Eden Park are a source of great pleasure to hundreds of persons visiting the city, as well as to the residents. It is estimated that as high as 5,000 people visit the greenhouses on Sundays during the summer months, and there is never a day but hundreds of people go there to visit the beautiful plants, while some make botanical study of specimens, as there are hundreds of varieties to be found at this place.

The class of plants used and the diversified arrangement makes of the formal garden located just south of the greenhouse one of the most attractive formal plantings to be found in this country.

There were grown at the conservatories this year some 200,000 bedding plants, which supplied all of the parks amply. In fact, the carpet bedding and exotic plantings in our downtown parks has grown to be quite a feature of the park work. The public has become accustomed to seeing plants, and the immediate neighborhood requests, and sometimes really demands, that blooming plants be placed in the small parks of the down-town districts.

CONCRETE ARCH—EDEN PARK

After supplying the parks, the department furnished the public schools having room for plants, the fire departments, the workhouse and other city institutions amply with flowers, and as there was still remaining a quantity of plants, the foreman at the greenhouse was instructed to distribute them among the poor families of the city calling for same, that they might embellish their homes and surroundings. This, as a matter of fact, would produce a pleasing and embellished condition for those who could in no other way avail themselves of the pleasure of possessing flowers or plants. Reports received by this office prove that plants thus given away were a source of great happiness, especially to mothers and little children.

One of the new features in the floricultural department was the growing of large quantities of water-lilies. There were placed in the lakes at Eden, Washington and Lincoln parks the newest and best-tested, varieties of Victoria, Nymphæa and Nelumbium, as well as such plants as water hyacinth and parrott's feather—thus giving this department a rare and beautiful collection of aquatics. The Victoria regia at the basin in the greenhouse did much better than usual, blooming constantly from July to late fall. With careful attention this year these aquatics will become one of the striking features of the floricultural department from this time on.

A list of the different varieties of plants, trees, shrubs, etc., purchased during the past year follows:

#### ORCHIDS-

## Cattleya citrina

- " Trianae
- " Schroederæ
- " speciossima
- " Percivaliana
- " Skinneri
- " labiata
- " Mossiæ
- " Gaskelliana
- " gigos
- " chrysotoxa
- " Harrisoniæ

## Lælia anceps

- " majalis
- " Autumnalis
- " elegans
- " Dayana

## Epidendrum vitellinum majus

" nemorale

#### Oncidium Marshallianum

- " tigrinum
- crispum
- " ornithorynchum
- " curtum
- " flexuosum
  - varicosum Rogersii

### Odontoglossum Reichenheimii

- citrosum
  - grande

#### Miltonia cuneata

- " candida
- ' Clowesii
- " Morelliana
  - Regnellii

### Chysis bractescens

Calantha Veitchii

Lycaste Skinnerii

Cymbidium eburneum

Vanda teres

- " Kimballiana
- " suavis

#### Brassia Lawrenceana longissima

Dendrobium densiflorum

# Cypripedium Dominianum

- " Io grandis
- " cleola
- " longifolium
- ' cardinale
- " Curtisii
- ". Tonso-Charlesworthii

### FLOWER SEEDS-

Centaurea imperialis, mixed

" gymnocarpa

Petunia, single, mixed

" double, mixed

## Vinca alba

" rosea

## Pansy Tremardean

- " auriculæflora
- ' snowflake
- " Adonis
- " Golden Glow
- " Emperor William

## Calceolaria hybrida grand tigrina

#### Primula alba magnifica

- " Cheswick Red
- " Rosy Morn
- obconica fimbriata
- " Forbesi

## Cineraria hybrida

" choice dwarf

Cyclamen, mixed

### WATER-LILIES AND PLANTS-

## Nymphæa alba Gladstoniana

- Marliacea albida
  - namacea unna
- Robinsoni
- ' tuberosa
- " rosea
- " Capensis
- " coerulea
- " Deaniana .
- " Devoniensis
  - ' dentata
- " Frank Trealease
  - Geo. Huster
- " Sturtevanti
  - William Stone

## Victoria regia

' Trickeri

Water Hyacinth

Water Poppies

Parrot's Feather

#### PALMS, FERNS AND OTHER GREENHOUSE PLANTS-

Crotons—20 varieties
Festuca glauca
Chrysanthemums—25 varieties
Begonia Rex—20 varieties

Flowering Begonias-20 varieties

Begonias—species from China Carex Japonica variegata. Rosa rondiflora Acacia pubscens Passiflora princeps Ficus pandurata radicans variagata

Dracena Goldeana

Massangeana.

Fittonia

Spherogyne latifolia.

Maranta rosea lineata

Sanderi

vittati

Kimmeriana

Governiana

Lilium album

rubrum

giganteum

Freesia

Canna-11 varieties

Phœnix reclinata

Kentia Belmoreana

Forsteriana

Areca lutescens

Latania Borbonica

Araucaria excelsa

Bactris Major

Cocos

Davalia

Dicksonia antarctica

Nephrolepsis Whitmani

Todeaoides

amorpohli

#### TREES AND SHRUBS-

Acer pseudo-platanus

Dasycarpum, var. Wieri laciniatum

platanoides

var. Schwedlerii

var. Michigan Red

Negundo

Colchicum, var. rubrum

saccharinum

Pennsylvanicum

Aesculus Hippocastanum

var. flore pleno

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Aesculus Hippocastanum, var. rubicunda
        flava
Azalea viscosa
Betula alba
           fastigata
           var. laciniata pendula
Cornus florida
         " var. pendula
          " var, rubra
       alternifolia
       alba, var. Spæthi aurea
       Siberica
               var. marginalis
       Mascula
          " var. variegata
Crateagus oxyacantha, var. alba flore pleno
                      var. rosea flore pleno
          coccinea
           cordata
           Crus-Galli
Deutzia crenata, var. Pride of Rochester
                var. rosea pleno
        Lemoinei
        gracilis
Fagus heterophylla
       sylvatica, var. purpurea '
                var. pendula
Larix Europea
Amygdalus communis, var. alba flore pleno
                      var. rosea flore pleno
Amorpha fragrans
 Chionanthus Virginica
Clethra alnifolia
 Kerria Japonica
               var. flore pleno
               var. aurea variegata
 Dirca palustris
 Elæagnus longipes
           umbellata
 Exochorda grandiflora
 Nyssa multiflora
 Forsythia Fortunei
           suspensa
 Halesia tetraptera
 Magnolia acuminata
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Soulangeana

Morus nigra

" var. Tatarica pendula

' alba

Pyrus Parkmani

" Ioensis, var. Bechteli

Quercus Phellos

" imbricaria

fastigiata viridis

" alba

" prinus

" palustris

coccinea

Ailanthus glandulosa

Salix Babylonica

" caprea, var. pendula

Cercis Canadensis

Phellodendron amurense

Catalpa speciosa

" Bungei

Hamamelis Virginica

Viburnum opulus, var. sterilis

plicatum

Lonicera Tartarica

fragrantissima

Yucca filamentosa

Liquidambar styrachiflua

Fraxinus nigra

alba

Cypress Taxodium distichum

Picea pungens, var. glauca

" excelsa

Hydrangea paniculata

var. grandiflora

' arborescens graniflora alba

Baby Rambler Rose

Japanese Maples

Kalmia latifolia

Carya olivaeformis

Castanea Americana

Platanus occidentalis

Tilia vulgaris, var. rubra

" Americana

Juglans cinera

" nigra

Diervilla florida candida

" var. nana variegata

Diervilla rosea

hybrida Eva Rathke

Spirea Van Houttei

- " Anthony Waterer
- " arguta
- " collosa, var. alba
- " Bumalda

Philadelphus grandiflorus

" foliis aureis

coronarius

Tamarix indica

Symphoricarpos vulgaris

racemosus

Hibiscus syriacus, var. totus albus

var. pæniflora plena

var. speciosa plena

var. purpurea

Caragana arborescens

Hypericum densiflorum

Sambuscus nigra, var. aurea

Berberis Thunbergii

" vulgaris

var. purpurea

Prunus Pissardi

triloba

Hippophæ Rhamoides

Syringa vulgaris

var. alba

Ribes floridum

Rhodotypus Kerriodides

Celastrus scandens

Cydonia Japonica

Ilex crenata

Corchorus variegata

Corylus avellana, var. atropurpurea

Kohlreutaria paniculata

Euonymus Americanus obovatus

Ptelia trifoliata

Rhus cotinus

Mahonia aquifolia

Ulmus scabra, var. pendula

Sorbus aucuparia

Thuya occidentalis

Salisburia adiantifolia

Tsuga Canadensis

Juniperus communis, var. Hibernica

Ligistrum vulgare

Woods Scene—Burnet Woods

#### **Burnet Woods**

The winter months were spent in trimming trees and placing the forest in a more primitive condition, as is befitting here. Arrangements have been made to plant walnut and hickory nuts throughout the forest portion of the park. This has been found to be a much surer method of obtaining a consistent planting than moving the above-named varieties of trees from the nursery. Small quantities of wild flowers in variety are also being planted in the wooded portion of the park. This practice should be followed up from year to year until the wild flowers will have all been rehabitated in this particular place, as this is the only available territory within the Park Department that is suitable for carrying out this splendid feature of primitive planting.

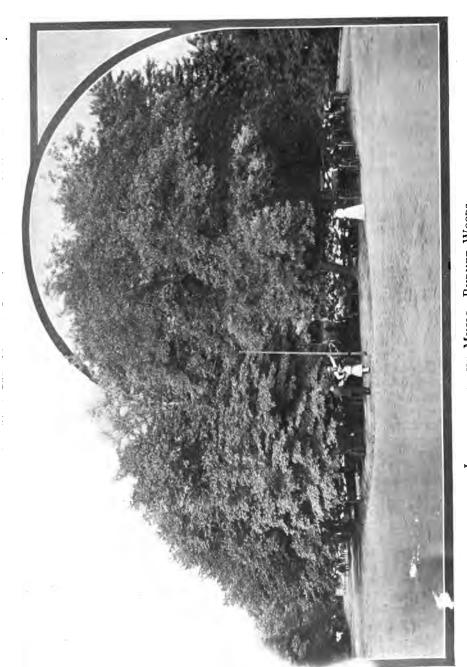
The roads were carefully rolled so as to provide a smooth surface, after which an application of our especially prepared oil emulsion was applied. We did not reach the desired results here, however, as funds were not available to place a sufficient application to last throughout the summer season. Nevertheless, the result of the experiment was sufficiently satisfactory (as were experiments mentioned elsewhere in this report) to bear out the claim that this emulsion is the most practical dust-

layer thus far tried out in this part of the country.

The south end of the lake was cleaned out, so that the water is at such greater depth that boating is enjoyed now in that portion of the lake, where previously it was not permissible because of an insufficient depth of water. It will be necessary to take out a great quantity of dirt at this end of the lake, and a concrete wall is also badly needed at the extreme south end as a stay for the dirt and mud that washes into the lake with every hard rain. With funds to accomplish this improvement, an aquatic garden can be established. When this pleasing feature is established in connection with this popular body of water, thousands of people who visit this portion of the park will find additional attraction in viewing the great variety of aquatics which will transform the southern edge of the lake into a veritable bower during the summer months.

The concerts at this park, under the Groesbeck Endowment Fund, are always a source of pleasure to a great many people, and each Saturday afternoon finds thousands in attendance during the season. The music was furnished by Smittie's amous Military Band and Harp Orchestra during the past year, and the programs rendered were most interesting. These concerts, occurring on Saturday afternoons, are a boon to numbers of people who wish to spend the half-holiday in

the open air under restful and pleasing conditions.



LISTENING TO THE MUSIC—BURNET WOODS

Mowing the grass and cleaning up the driveways made up the greater part of the work. In fact, having but one man to every twelve acres, we were very nearly swamped with work throughout the entire summer. The small buildings and all the benches were painted in this park with our own labor.

During April and May some 1,000 trees and shrubs were planted. This additional planting, however, makes but little showing on 160 acres of ground. There should be 50,000 trees and shrubs established to properly finish the planting of this park. I would recommend that sufficient funds be provided to complete this planting, as the popularity of a park depends on its trees, both as to quantity and character of arrangement or

grouping.

The unsightly appearance of the clay banks on Hopson Street, from University Avenue to St. Clair Street, causes more comment than any other unimproved feature of this park. Through a request from Council as to the cost of needed improvements at this point, an estimate was submitted showing the amount of grading necessary, but lack of funds at the city's disposal during the past year precluded the possibility of any money being placed in the hands of this department to park this unsightly embankment.

I must again call the attention of your honorable board to the unsightly condition of the abrupt embankment along Clifton Avenue, caused by excessive cuts in establishing the grade on this avenue. This avenue forms the entire western boundary of the park, and there are two car lines passing over it, carrying thousands of people daily. Therefore, I would recommend that \$50,000 be provided to embellish and place in park condition this slope, as well as the unfinished portion of

Burnet Woods above mentioned.

One of the most pleasant features of the skating season at Burnet Woods was the skating contest conducted under the auspices of *The Cincinnati Post*. There were hundreds of people gathered to see the contestants, there being a large number of entries, and altogether it was a very enjoyable occasion.

Could we depend upon the weather for a sufficient depth of ice to justify the arrangement of such contests, it would add wonderfully to the usefulness of the park and to the

pleasure of the people in the winter season.

Through the courtesy of this department, during the past year the University grounds were sown with our special mixture of grass-seed and several hundred trees and shrubs planted, all of which added wonderfully to the embellishment of these grounds. In fact, the work done there has shown what



WAITING FOR THE RACES—BURNET WOODS





expenditure of money means to a park, and has prompted me to make a very systematic capitulation of the needs, horticulturally, in the larger parks, in order to show the amount of money necessary to supply trees and shrubs in quantities sufficient to make proper plantings.

This again brings to mind the great good that would be accomplished by the establishment of municipal nurseries.

The Cincinnati Automobile Club gave the orphans and children of the various charitable homes of the city an automobile ride and outing at Burnet Woods, the success of which prompted those who had so generously furnished their automobiles and lent their presence, to establish a precedent with this first Automobile Orphan's Outing, and to mutually agree to perpetuate it as an annual event.

One of the features that added more than any other one thing to the success of the outing while at Burnet Woods, was the band concert donated by Messrs. Busse and Borgmann.

The Automobile Club, in addition to the ride and outing, furnished luncheon for all the children, and Mr. Otto Armleder supplied them bountifully with popcorn and candy. The day was one of happiness and mirth, not only for the children, but for all participating in one of the most worthy and enjoyable events that has ever taken place in the Park Department, and as commendable an undertaking as has ever been planned.

# Hopkins Park

Being situated at the top of Sycamore-street hill, Hopkins Park attracts a great many people from the closely-inhabited districts toward the city, and more complaints in regard to conduct and mischievous acts are received from this park than from any other park in the department. Every effort to get the co-operation of people in the neighborhood has been made, but the only practical plan seems to be the placing of a policeman at the park continually, which, owing to the limited amount of money at the command of the department, has not been possible the year around.

While this park is one of the beauty-spots of the city, still it appeals to me, though the general topography is so very

rough, that one end of the park could be provided with a wading-pool and used for playground purposes. As it is at the present time the children get no benefit of the park, the neighbors objecting very bitterly to their even being allowed on the grass. Therefore this office is trying to work out a plan whereby we can convert at least a portion of this park into a playground, and with the co-operation of your honorable board these features will be carried out during the coming year.

### Lincoln Park

With the splendid lake to furnish boating during the summer months for thousands of children and young people, and skating to an equal number during the winter months, this feature of the park alone, supplying the above-mentioned divergency of pleasures during the summer and winter seasons, makes of Lincoln Park one of the most utilitarian parks in the down-town district.

There were but a few days this winter that the ice was thick enough to be used for skating, but during that time it was estimated that there were 5,000 people skating daily.

The concrete dock built this summer to replace the old wooden one which had outlived its usefulness, was an improvement much appreciated here.

The children's playground was well patronized. An additional sand box was supplied to accommodate the increased number of little children, and other paraphernalia was installed for the larger ones. The space allotted for ball games is utilized daily from early morning until darkness drives the little fellows to their homes. It is not an unusual thing to see three games of ball on this field when it is scarcely large enough for one.

Trimming trees, sowing grass-seed on the lawns, planting flowers in the beds and general park housekeeping, such as raking leaves, cutting and raking grass, painting benches, etc., made up the routine work, all of which was done in a good, workmanlike manner.

Through the co-operation of the Superintendent of the Workhouse two pair of deer from that institution were transferred to this park. This was done after having all the gates fitted with turnstiles, a feature that worked some inconvenience to people with baby carriages, as we could arrange but two gates for their use. These deer furnished great amusement to the children, who delighted in watching and feeding the animals.

We found, however, that the keeping of such animals was very prohibitive for the reason that a certain class of people took advantage of the fact that they were tame, and would chase them out of the park in order to get a reward for returning them. Therefore, while it added a great deal of interest to the park to have the deer there, the above-mentioned reasons made it unwise to attempt to retain them longer.

According to the reports from the watchman on duty while the park was open all night during July and August, some 5,000 people took advantage of the cooler conditions prevailing there to sleep upon the benches in the park, instead of trying to spend the night in hot tenements. This opportunity to sleep under pleasant conditions was a boon to many persons, and was much appreciated.

The walks in this park are in immediate need of resurfacing. Owing to the excessive use they are subjected to, I would recommend that funds be supplied to resurface them with Kentucky rock asphalt, or some other material equally as good. I make this recommendation because of the fact that gravel walks in parks that are patronized as largely as is Lincoln Park, are very unsatisfactory, especially during winter months or rainy seasons.

A large number of ducks and three pair of swans were purchased by the Lincoln Park Concert Association and presented to the Park Department during the past year, and an additional pair of peafowls added also. They have proven very interesting features, and especially do the children take great interest in feeding them and in watching the swans glide gracefully through the water.

The above-named association assisted me in arranging three band concerts, all of which were attended by from twelve

EARLY FALL-WASHINGTON PARK

to fifteen thousand people. This splendid attendance substantiates the theory that down-town concerts will not only bring more cheerful and helpful moral conditions to the home, but will bring thousands of people to realize that their home park is the place to spend the sultry evenings with their families, instead of gradens that have questionable moral influences.

At this park there was planted some fifty trees and about one hundred shrubs. It will be necessary to plant from two to three hundred trees yearly here until we have a sufficient number to furnish shade, the older trees having deteriorated to such a degree and the replacing having been neglected for so long that there is not more than one-tenth the necessary trees at this time.

There is also extreme need of a recreation field at this park. I would recommend to your honorable board that the property extending south from Lincoln Park to Clark Street be purchased for that purpose. As the buildings amount to very little, the purchase price should therefore be reasonable. This would provide ample recreation grounds for the entire community.

# Washington Park

Washington Park is located in one of the most thickly-populated parts of the city. The beautiful green grass, splendidly studded with beds of blooming plants, and the inviting shade of ornamental shade trees during the summer months, all appeal to the down-town resident as an oasis does to the way-worn traveler. The verification of this is exemplified at this park every day of the year unless the masses are driven out by atmospheric precipitations.

As a matter of consequence, the maintenance of this park is greater than any other down-town park in the city. Twenty-five new trees and shrubs were planted and a special mixture of grass-seed was sown here. Some three-thousand bedding and ornamental plants were also placed in the park during the summer months, which provided a very cheerful aspect for the hundreds of tired mothers who constantly seek fresh air in this place for their infant children, as well as furnish-

ing pleasant scenery for the hundreds of superannuated working men and the vast throngs of transient and unemployed. This park also provides a recreation-place during the evening for innumerable families who spend the day in toil.

While this park meets with all the requirements from an aesthetic and recreative point of view for the adult population, there is no playground provided in the entire district for the small children. The great need of a playground to take the children from the gutters as their wading-pool, and the streets as their playground, prompts me to recommend to your honorable board the acquisition of the property bounded by Washington Park on the south, Elm Street on the west, Fourteenth Street on the north, and Race Street on the east. This will provide ample space for children's playgrounds, shelter and public comfort features within a radius of a mile.

The generous spirit of the Trustees of the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association in providing some \$265.00 more money than was first deposited with the Board of Public Service to defray the expenses of placing in good condition that portion of the park used by them, shows the same splendid patriotic and civic spirit that has prompted them to sacrifice time and money to bring about such enterprises as the Fall Festivals have been.

The walks in this park were resurfaced with Kentucky rock asphalt as far as funds would permit, and it is hoped to finish this work next season. This material makes a splendid park walk, as it is easily applied and finishes up in a smooth, firm surface.



Enjoying the Morning Air—Washington Park

From reports while the parks were kept open during July and August all night long, some 7,305 persons took advantage of the privilege of sleeping in Washington Park, many women and babies passing a portion of the night there, finding great relief from their heated tenement rooms.

## Garfield Park

The statues of Presidents William Henry Harrison and James A. Garfield located at these squares makes of this park a very attractive place to visitors, especially those who are interested in historical associations, and it is a refreshing resting-place for hundreds of tired, way-worn pedestrians. Being located in the center of the shopping district makes this park very convenient also to persons making purchases in this immediate district. It is a fact that during the summer months this park is patronized as much, if not more, than any park in the downtown area.

The department has made a special feature of the planting of these squares, especially in the arrangement of the tropical plants, and those who are not fortunate enough to have homes and plants of their own may see here some of the rare specimens of the tropical world while resting in the shade of the beautiful trees.

Hundreds of way-worn men, as well as great numbers of the working class found refreshing sleep here while the park was open all night during the past summer, the report of the watchman on duty showing some 2,885 persons to have taken advantage of the privilege afforded them of sleeping at this place during the sultry nights of July and August.

The proximity of this park to the business district prompts me to recommend to your honorable board that there be placed near the Race-street end a public comfort station, as the great number of people passing this point at all times would justify the expenditure.

The removal of the fence around this park would add wonderfully to the embellishment of the place, and I would earnestly recommend that it be removed. The present coping used for the base of the fence would be ample barrier against any

Wading in Basin—McKinley Place.

debris that may accumulate in the street, and would also prohibit vehicles from getting into the park.

There has been a demand made from time to time by residents to allow the children to occupy one square, but the fact that it is a residential street prompts me to decline the request at this time, though I feel that the suggestion is a good one, as a playground is greatly needed in this vicinity.

# McKinley Place

At all hours of the day and evening there can be seen congregated at this playground hundreds of children playing, as well as mothers with babies enjoying the pleasant shade and green grass of this little breathing-space—the only feature of that kind in this district of the city.

The use to which this park is put, and the great good resulting therefrom to both old and young, points out clearly the necessity and advisability of establishing other playgrounds of this character throughout the densely-populated sections of the city.

During the past summer an automatic drinking fountain was furnished here, which adds greatly to the comfort of those who find so much pleasure in visiting this place. It has proven a great convenience to the children of the neighborhood, who formerly had to go to their homes in the hot weather for drinking water.

In constructing this fountain there was several hundred feet of brass pipe coil placed in the ground in a concrete box, and through the generous spirit of Mr. Daniel Bauer, the councilman, ice was supplied during the summer months, which made it possible for the children to have ice water during the hot weather, for which kindness the Park Department feels greatly indebted to Mr. Bauer.

There were provided a number of benches and an additional sand box at this park, all of which added to the comfort and pleasure of people in the neighborhood. The children were also allowed to use the basin at this park as a wading-pool, and in winter it served for skating purposes. The wading-pool features of playgrounds gives the children more enjoy-

ment than anything else that has been introduced into the parks.

The trees here are now beginning to take on proportions which make them more useful from a point of shade, as well as desirable because of the beauty they add to the park, and they are greatly enjoyed by the older people who find relief there from their heated rooms in the tenement houses. Observation has shown that great numbers of mothers with their children, as well as aged people, are now using the park during the evening hours, and it provided a wonderful source of comfort, especially for those who are compelled to live in the second and third stories of tenements.



## Auburn Place

Auburn Place, being located in a prominent residential district, lends itself to a treatment afforded no other park in the department. The broad walks are studded with benches, while the lawn is very prettily planted with exotic plants, giving this property a much embellished appearance.

The residents show their appreciation of this beautiful little breathing-space by helping maintain good order and preventing any molestation of the flowers, trees and plants placed there. Could this condition be emulated by other parks of the city, it would prove highly satisfactory to this department.

## Owls'-Nest Park

Owls'-Nest Park is beautifully located on the Madison Road. It became the property of the city through the desire of Messrs. Charles E. and Edward C. Perkins to perpetuate the memory of their parents, whose home was located there for years. The property was dedicated strictly to playground purposes.

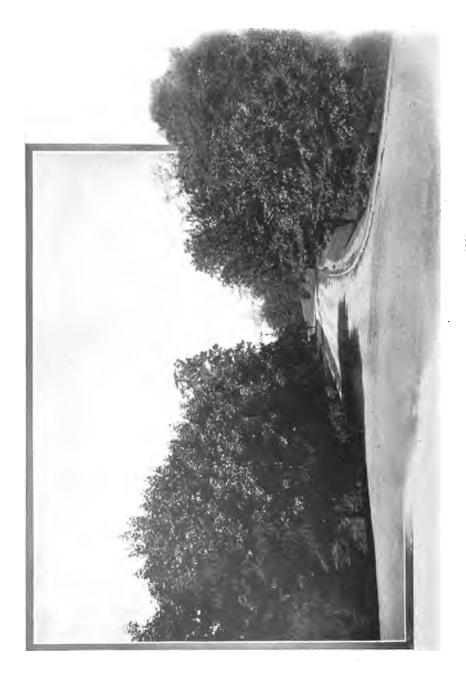
The natural topography lends itself admirably to gymnasium features, a large portion of the ground being splendidly adapted for an amphitheater. Could the Park Department acquire additional ground at the lower end of this property some two hundred feet wide, there could be established a gymnasium field that would be isolated from any improved property, and far enough away from the principal thoroughfares to avoid the noise that usually emanates from ball grounds and recreation fields. This being accomplished, Owls'-Nest Park would provide ball fields, tennis courts and children's playgrounds for that entire section of the city.

There will soon be placed in this park a number of lights, that it may be used by the general public more safely during the evening hours. There was also more benches placed there during the summer.

This being one of the most valuable gifts that the Park Department has received, and the location of this property being such that improvements will justify the expenditure, I would recommend that your honorable board have sufficient funds placed at the disposal of this department to make such permanent improvements as will enable the people to more fully enjoy the park.

#### East-End Park

Being a very level piece of ground, there has been no effort made to plant or park this property, because of the fact that it has proven very useful as a baseball ground. There is hardly a day during the summer season but what there are from one to three games played on these grounds. In fact it is the most popular baseball ground in the East End.



Another reason for not improving it permanently is that when the water is above forty-five feet the grounds are flooded. Stationary benches that were placed there during the past year were all washed away by the high water during the early spring.

Experience has proven that the most useful way in which the ground can be used is to continue it as a baseball field.

There was placed along Eastern Avenue the entire length of the park a ten-foot artificial stone sidewalk, which makes it much more pleasant for the great number of people who walk to and from their work along Eastern Avenue daily, and provides a splendid permanent improvement in the Park Department, also.

There has been no caretaker placed in charge of this park, as the boys have been willing to keep it in condition provided they are allowed to use it for playing baseball, football, and other athletic games, all of which this department has assisted in establishing.

# Burying-Ground at Hyde Park

This property came into the possession of the city through annexation, and this department has endeavored to keep the grass mowed and the weeds cleared away during the summer months, which is all that can be done here until definite action is taken in regard to dedicating it to park purposes.

I would recommend that an additional strip of property adjoining the cemetery and extending to Stettinius Avenue be purchased, that there may be sufficient acreage to make a park of some size, as that part of the city is building up rapidly, and the site will be a useful one for a park.

# · Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park

This piece of property is so prominently located that the attention of thousands of people are called to its embellished condition.

The fact of this property being of such small dimensions that it is of little use to the neighborhood prompts me to recommend that if the property adjacent could be acquired for a reasonable sum of money, that there be an additional two or three hundred feet added to this small triangle, that it may be increased to a size sufficient to justify more extensive improvements.

## Vine and Hollister Park

The floral display at this park is its greatest feature, such plants and flowers as Ageratum, Alternanthera, Echeveria, Coleus and Canna being arranged in bedding effects, which furnishes diversion to the thousands of people passing by on the street cars each day, as well as delights the eyes of those living in that immediate neighborhood who can visit the park to enjoy the fresh air and green grass. The park has been kept in good condition, the hedges being trimmed and benches placed conveniently.

Miss Cecelia Ritter presented to the Park Department a fountain which she desired placed at this park. It has been located on the Hollister-street side of the park, where can be seen daily a great number of horses, as well as people, drinking, a fact which bears out the theory that drinking fountains are a very useful and necessary feature in the Park Department.

## Wilson Common

Up to this time there has been very little done in the way of embellishing Wilson Common. In fact, it has simply lain as a barren waste. There is provision made in next year's appropriation whereby a man can be employed to keep this ground in good park condition. There will have to be some fences built for the safety of the children. The house and barn on the place will also have to be removed, after which, by some grading, quite a level plot of ground can be provided for recreation purposes.

The splendid undulating condition of this ground, and the beautiful view that is obtained, makes it a very desirable place to the persons living in close proximity to spend the afternoon and evening. A panorama view of the city can be



LYTLE PARK VISITORS.

secured here equaling any from other hilltops around Cincinnati.

As this ground is a gift from Mrs. Mehitable Coppenhagen Wilson to the city, would therefore recommend an expenditure of some \$2,000 to place a playground at the summit of the hill, which would bring about more fully the intended use of the property.

# Lytle Park

Lytle Park has been finished after a long, tedious effort. The attitude of the residents on Fourth Street was one of opposition to having the entire property used as a playground, therefore a plan was decided upon to park the Fourth-street side, and use the Third-street end of the park for playground purposes, this park plan working out admirably. Walks were constructed of concrete to a width of sixteen feet, providing splendid space for roller-skating for the children of this thickly settled district.

Some 1,540 shrubs and 53 trees were used in the planting plan for Lytle Park, and when the lawn was sodded this planting made the park very attractive, especially so when some 500 exotics and 200 tropical plants were planted and grouped about the grounds during the summer months.

This park was in readiness for a formal opening on June 6, 1907, which occasion was made a gala event in park history, as this was the first park in this city to be thoroughly equipped with up-to-date playground apparatus.

The Special Park Commission took charge of the arrangements on this occasion, and secured the services of the Times-Star Band to dispense music. Members of the Business Men's Club, Women's Club, Associated Organizations, the Special Park Commission, the Board of Public Service, members of Council, and a great many other well-known men interested in playground work were present. Speeches were made by Councilman Michael Mullen, whose untiring efforts brought about the acquisition of this property for park purposes; Mayor Dempsey; Edw. E. Shipley, president of the Busi-

ness Men's Club; Miss Belle Whitaker; President Bender of the Board of Public Service, and others.

The playground was fitted up with swings and teetertotters, which were immediately taken possession of by the children. That portion of the park used as a playground will be equipped by early spring of next year with swings, teeterladders, traveling rings, and other useful and practical paraphernalia, which will be appreciated by the hundreds of children that frequent this splendid rendezvous of happiness.

Baseball, played with the regulation indoor baseball, is an innovation which will, no doubt, prove a great success at this park. This game, and basket ball, are the only games that can be fully enjoyed on this small playground.

A careful study from week to week has shown the fact that children will take the best of care of playgrounds turned over to them, and it has been the experience everywhere that nothing has been missing after a day's play, the children themselves helping to care for balls and bats, that they may not be lost.

Aside from the noise of the over-zealous children the first few weeks after opening a playground to the public, there are no distasteful features, and this condition is annoying only to the immediate neighborhood. After the newness of the playground has worn off and a director of play, who should be a person thoroughly conversant with play and games, has the children interested in playground games, all of the objectionable noise subsides, and the feeling of annoyance turns into interest and admiration.

Mr. John R. McLean has now under construction a very fine bronze fountain, to cost a sum exceeding \$10,000, which will be placed at the Fourth and Lawrence-streets corner of Lytle Park. This location marks the site of his father's home, and incidentally, the place of his birth. Mr. McLean is erecting this fountain in commemoration of his parents. He has also signified his willingness to furnish ice for a cooler to be attached to the fountain. This department has ordered a plan drawn whereby a coil with sufficient pipe will be inserted in a concrete ice box under the ground of a size sufficient to supply large quantities of ice water for this fountain.

# Tyler Davidson Fountain

Thousands of visitors are attracted to the Tyler-Davidson Fountain because of its fame as a beautiful work of art. The steps that encircle the esplanade invite passing strangers to a few moments' rest within sight of the cool, sparkling spray of the fountain, and often persons eat their lunches there, all of which makes it a difficult matter to maintain the esplanade in a neat condition, as paper and debris are constantly being cast about.

The trees about the esplanade were given every attention, and the tropical plants arranged in the circles at each end of the square add wonderfully to the appearance of this central section of the city, where there is so little refreshing green of grass or trees, or bright color of blooming plants.

After bringing vividly to the attention of Council the fact that we were behind all other cities in the park playground and public comfort features, through the earnest efforts of Mr. Robert J. O'Brien, of Council, the department was able to secure a bond issue of \$25,000 for the purpose of erecting Public Comfort Stations at the Esplanade. Excavation has been begun, and from the energy with which the contractor is going ahead with the work it looks as though by early spring there will be established at this place the first public comfort station that has been erected this far West. While thus enulating the Oriental cities, as well as the Eastern cities of this country, it is one step further in the right direction toward providing facilities and comforts for the city's masses.

This feature of park work, next to the ball ground and wading-pool features, adds more to the healthfulness and convenience of the masses than any other work that has thus far been done through the Park Department.

# New Work

Because of the inability of the Park Department to secure funds for the construction of the newly-acquired park property, the work has lain practically dormant during the past year, but the splendid park spirit that has been manifest in the last few months makes us feel as though the coming year will be a record-breaker in the development of new park property, as well as in the acquisition of additional properties.

HUNT-STREET ATHLETIC GROUND—This property has been filled in as far as it is expedient to go until such excavation at the upper portion of the park as is necessary, is made, which work has been delayed because of the lack of funds.

I would again respectfully call the attention of your honorable board to the need of necessary funds to complete this splendid piece of park property, as the entire western boundary is traversed by several of the most-used car lines in the city, which condition will advertise our park work when finished, as no other piece of property that we have acquired up to this time would do.

A most complete plan has been devised by Mr. Geo. E. Kessler for this park, combining therein the most useful playground features possible, which when carried out, will provide one of the largest athletic and gymnasium fields that has been acquired by the Park Department up to this time.

Another incentive towards having this work pushed to completion at an early date is the fact that Mrs. Charles Fleischmann has placed at the disposal of the Park Department the sum of \$500.00 towards the equipment of a playground, or such other sum as is found necessary to secure proper apparatus.

The portion of ground that has been finished to an established grade was utilized in playing baseball during the latter part of the summer. Extensive recreation grounds are needed for ball, tennis, and children's play facilities in this thickly-populated district, as the rough topography of this immediate neighborhood forbids such sports and amusements, and as above stated, splendid street car facilities here will place conditions where this park can be used as a general, as well as a local, recreation field.

Therefore, I would urge the most earnest favor of your honorable board towards providing funds that this ground may be placed in a condition whereby it can be put to the best possible use by the public at the earliest possible date.

SPECIMEN NORWAY MAPLE—BURNET WOODS

<u>Calhoun-Street Extension of Burnet Woods</u>—The contract for grading the Calhoun-street end of Burnet Woods has been completed in so far as the rougher work is concerned.

There has been a plan prepared in the office whereby a much greater use can be made of this property by beginning at the curb and making a gradual slope northwardly to the ravine, using the material that is taken from the Calhounstreet addition to fill the above-named ravine, thus bringing about a splendid landscape effect and making of this property a very useful part of Burnet Woods. The roadway it is proposed to build here will make a very convenient city entrance to Burnet Woods, encircling the slopes south and east of the University buildings, thereby giving the public a greater use of that portion of Burnet Woods, especially for driving purposes.

This plan, however, will necessitate the acquisition of two additional pieces of property just east of the present boundary of Calhoun-street extension, and I would recommend to your honorable board that steps be taken towards acquiring this immediately.

<u>Ludlow-Avenue Triangle</u>—This property has just recently been acquired, and at the earliest possible date arrangements will be started looking towards the removal of the buildings.

The corner acquired by this Ludlow-avenue purchase, being in close proximity to Clifton, would be an admirable place for an entrance. A very elaborate entrance could be built at this place and extended up through the ravine, connecting up with the main driveway near the band-stand. This would make one of the prettiest drives in Burnet Woods, and no doubt the most popular, as it would give an opportunity to persons driving from Clifton to the city to traverse the entire length of Burnet Woods by way of park drives.

The grading, sodding and planting done here will all be in conformity with the forest conditions prevailing in Burnet Woods.

<u>LIBRARY PLACE</u>—After much effort the ten-acre tract of land known as the "Hubbard Tract," extending from Warsaw

Avenue to Price Avenue, and from Purcell to Considine, was acquired for park purposes, and for library and patrol-house sites, respectively. The patrol and library buildings will cover an area of some two acres, and are to be so placed that the entire ground can be utilized to the best advantage for park purposes.

The west end of this park will be used as an athletic field, while the east side will be set aside as a children's play-ground. The upper plateau adjacent to the library proper will be arranged for tennis and other games of a similar character. As a whole, this park will be one of the most utilitarian properties thus far acquired by the city.

These grounds having been planted as a private estate, will need but little additional planting. The placing in condition of the various athletic fields and the sodding of portions which will have to be parked, together with the building of necessary walks and a roadway, will constitute all additional embellishment.

BARR-STREET PARK—Council has but recently acquired the property bounded by Kenyon Avenue, Barr, Mound and Cutter streets. This property is located in a very congested district, and though it is rather small to meet all the requirements of a well-equipped playground and recreation field, I would suggest that as soon as the buildings are torn down that the property be converted into a recreation field and playground, leaving possibly the extreme east end that it might be embellished and used for a place of rest and recreation for the older people of the neighborhood.

In compiling this report it has been my endeavor to avoid details as much as possible, that it might be more brief. Were I to dwell upon all the important features that have come to my attention during the past year, the report would become very tiresome.

The area, time of acquisition, and approximate cost of land of all the parks in this department is listed herein. There is also a detailed valuation and area of park property, with a

comparison of the population with twenty of the largest cities of the United States.

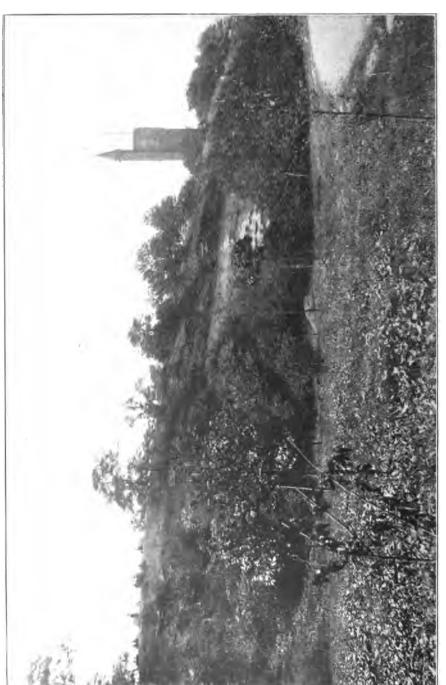
In compiling the above data comparisons are shown which are helpful to a great number of people, as well as a saving of time for our department, as numerous requests come to the office for just such information. This can be answered by mailing a copy of the present report to persons wishing the information.

It has been deemed advisable, because of the fact of the proposed new park plan having met with the approval of so many people, to have a map of the same placed in each copy of our report, which will, no doubt, be a source of splendid information to a great number of people who receive copies of the report annually.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. RODGERS,

Superintendent of Parks.



WATER-TOWER AND CLIFF FROM LURAY-AVENUE IMPROVEMENT

### CINCINNATI PARKS

#### As Compared with those of other Leading Cities

CITY			Value of Property—1903
New York City		6,863.2	\$285,141,700 00
Boston, Mass	560,892	2,912.0	50,017,975 00
Philadelphia, Pa	1,293,697 352,387	4,137.3 1,049.0	30,868,000 00 6,289,780 00
Cleveland, Ohio	381.768	1,523.3	19,622,479 00
Indianapolis, Ind	169,164	1,317.0	830,600 00
Louisville, Ky	204,731	1,350.0	1,250,000 00
St. Louis, Mo	575,2 <b>38</b>	2,198.4	10,729,850 00
Baltimore, Md	509,957	3,433.9	2,578,527 00
Hartford, Conn	79,850	1,135.3	504,969 00
New Bedford, Mass	62,442	192.0	200,541 00
Detroit, Mich	285,704	1,253.7 324.4	8,894,894 00
Albany, N. Y	94,151 162,608	727.8	1,270,446 00 1,710,637 00
Milwaukee, Wis		533.8	2,977,000 09
Minneapolis, Minn	202,718	1.813.2	4,676,357 00
Chicago, Ill	1,698,575	2,463.0	32,868,784 00
Kansas City, Mo		2.050.0	4,010,000 00
Toledo, Ohio		987.0	1,162,250 00
Cincinnati, Ohio (1907)		474.347	7,000,000 00

## AREA, DATE OF ACQUISITION, AND COST

Of Property comprising Parks of Cincinnati on December 31, 1907

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Land leased from Dec. 1, 1865 to Jan. 1, 1869	1.694.427 81	214.25
BURNET WOODS  Land leased from Oct. 18, 1872 to July 1, 1881 256,355 68 Land for Burnet Woods was purchased in 1881 490,500 00  Total cost of Burnet Woods property	746,855 68	163.50
HOPKINS PARK.  Given to the city for park purposes on Jan. 18, 1866, bo Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins, in whose honor the park was named.		1.00
L1NCOLN PARK		10.00
	\$2,441,283 49	388.75

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	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	2,441,283 49	<b>388.</b> 75
Pesthouse being also located thereon, for about twenty years. Steps were first taken to convert it into a park in June, 1853.		
WASHINGTON PARK	188,050 00	5.60
GARFIELD PARK  This land was given to the city on Apr. 9, 1817, by John H. Platt and Benjamin M. Platt, to be used as a market-space. It was protected by an ordinance passed by Council, and used as a park as early as Apr. 6, 1843, and on June 19, 1863, it was dedicated formally to park use.		1.00
Total cost and acreage of old park property	\$2,579,333 49	395.35
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	1,880 27	0.16
VINE AND HOLLISTER PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	14,429 82	2.50
EAST-END PARK	36,555 42	7. <b>5</b> 0
AUBURN PLACE	21,555 15	0.8
McKINLEY PLACE	50,694 39	1.21
CALHOUN-STREET EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS. Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1907	7 <b>2,6</b> 26 56	1.50
LYTLE PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	242,898 31	1.36
OWLS'-NEST PARK	<b>382 83</b>	5.8
WILSON COMMON	17 <b>4 5</b> 5	8 <b>.39</b> 5
HUNT STREET ATHLETIC GROUNDSLand purchased in 1905 and 1906	247,798 13	12.8
BURYING-GROUND IN HYDE PARK	·	2.75
INWOOD PARKLand purchased in 1905, 1906 and 1907	108,346 28	19.493
GILBERT AVENUE AND ELSINORE CORNERLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	12,324 90	0.2
BARR, KENYON. MOUND AND CUTTER STREETS PARK Examination of title in 1907	520 00	2.33
LUDI.OW-AVENUE TRIANGLE	81,784 06	2.20
HUBBARD TRACT PROPERTYLand purchased in 1907	17,393 62	10.00
Total cost and acreage of new park property	\$909,359 29	78.997
Total cost and acreage of all park property on Dec. 31, 1907.	<b>\$3,488,692</b> 78	474.847

## PARK DEPARTMENT

#### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1907		3,333 91
Received appropriations from Council as follows:		
Ordinary:		
4 X 1. Superintendent 2,500 00		
4 X 2. Officers and clerks		
4 X 3. Furniture and fixtures		
4 X 5. Incidentals		
4 X 6. Laborers		
4 X 7. Fuel and light		
4 X 8. Materials		
4 X 10. Park policemen		
7 10. 1 at a poncemen	62,626 93	
Extraordinary:		
4 X 24. Interest and Sinking Fund	1,840 00	
-	1,010 00	
Total appropriation		64,466 93
Received from Cincinnati Fall Festival Association, to		
defray expenses of putting Washington Park in good condition	265 79	1
Received from The John Robinson Circus Co., for rent of Hunt-street Park for circus purposes	100 00	,
Received from Ph. Morton, rent of signboards	<b>3</b> 25 00	
Received from sale of wood, old harness, fence, old iron, brick, etc	114 96	i
Received from rents of houses located on park property	426 50	r
Received from refreshment and boating privileges	195 50	1.427 75
Total Receipts		
Total Receipts		
EXPENDITURES		
Payrolls:		
Eden Park	21.960.55	
Burnet Woods	7,818 67	
Lincoln Park	3,122 10	
Washington Park	3,589 78	
Hopkins Park	756 50	
Auburn Place	598 45	
Vine and Hollister Park	609 57	
Owl's-Nest Park	600 00	
McKinley Place	1,316 57	
Office	3,519 50	
Lytle Park	686 31	
Tyler Davidson Fountain		
•		45,965 00
Amount carried forward		945 OSE 00
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Amount brought forward...... 45,965 00

Maintenance, Supplies, etc.:

Blacksmith, wagon and stove repairs	270	
Books, periodicals, newspapers, etc	33	
Bricklayer's services		00
Brooms, brushes, etc	21	75
Buggy repairs	68	<b>6</b> 0
Cash paid (sundry small bills)	33	93
Catch-basin grates and frames	84	00
Citching deer	2	00
Cement walks, bases for statuary, etc	340	08 .
Chairs, coke brieze, etc	21	20
Clock-rental	12	00
Concerts-Eden Park	1,000	00
('onvention expenses	290	
Crushing and breaking stone	181	00
Disinfectant	103	20
Drain-pipe	4	43
Dump-wagon and water-trough	160	00
Electrical work	26	
Engineer's services	285	
Feed	576	
Feed-boxes	18	
Fertilizers	28	
Fitting up workshop	25	
Filing-case, framing pictures, etc	35	
Flower-pots, labels, peat, sphagnum, etc	123	
Notice to the survey of a service of	51	
Freight charges, car service, etc	793	
Fuel	31	
Gold fish	752	
Hardware, tools, supplies, etc	254	-
Harness, repairs, covers, whips, grooming machine, etc	440	
Horses	3 8	
Horse-keep, incline tickets, etc	5 6 54	
Horse-medicine and veterinary services		
Horse-bedding and shoeing	407	
Hose and couplings	88	
Ice	23	
Insecticide	27	
Insurance	118	
Interest and sinking fund	1,840	
Iron door and frames	15	
Kentucky rock asphalt, rent of roller, etc	415	
Light (gas and electric, and care of lamps)	901	
Limestone screenings, etc	578	
Lumber	241	
Office supplies, printing, etc	126	
Oil—headlight, cylinder, etc	21	
Paints, glass, oil, putty, etc	179	
Painting, whitewashing ceiling, etc	624	
Park henches	351	
Poefowla	5	00
Plants trees shrubs, seeds, bulbs, etc	2,415	
Plumbing renairs	526	
Postage hand premiums, photographs, etc	171	07
Programs tanhark music-stands, etc	56	00
Repairs at Luray-Avenue Lakes	5	45
Amount carried forward	15 500	57 \$45 065 00
Amount carried forward	10,000	or dangeron OO

Amount brought forward	15,598	57	45,965	00
Rent at Wilson Common	15	10		
Roofs, repairs, etc	355	00		
Sand, cement, gravel, etc	197	63		
Sod, soil, etc	662	90		
Sponges, soap, rubber boots, etc	<b>3</b> 6	85		
Soap and asphaltum oil for roads	200	86		
Sprinkling	70	00		
Steam-roller repairs, packing, etc	12	33		
Steam fitting, etc	698	35		
Telephones and patrol-boxes	231	68		
Toweling, toilet-paper, twine, umbrella, etc	26	85		
Turnstiles (lumber and hardware)	<b>5</b> 3	86		
Typewriters (rental, etc.)	162	86		
Vault cleaning	10	00		
Wire netting	14	31		
	18,352	20		
Less difference with City Auditor		01	18.352	19
Total Expenditures				_
Balance on hand December 31, 1907		•••	4,911	40

# COST OF MAINTAINING EACH PARK IN 1907

#### EDEN PARK:

l'ayrolls	<b>.</b>	21 <b>.960</b> 55
Walnut Hills Coal and Mining Co., fuel	88 88	•
Castner, Curran & Bullitt. fuel	534 01	
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	6 50	
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., fuel	135 90	
		760 29
W. W. Dodge, labels	23 00	
Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Co., flower pots	47 13	
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., fumigators, moss, labels, etc.	11 54	
Lager & Hurrell, orchid peat and sphagnum	42 15	123 82
Louis Schaefer, wagon and blacksmith repairs		123 32
the state of the s	171 25	
Beck & Welling, wagon and blacksmith repairs	12 10	183 35
E. t. Conkling Co., horse hadding	0.05	103 23
E. A. Conkling Co., horse-bedding	2 25	
C. Crane & Co., borse-bedding	4 50	
A. Blymyer, horse-bedding	12 00	10 85
		18 75
E. K. Morris & Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc	93 54	
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc	378 87	
KPL Company, hardware, tools, supplies, etc	80	
Hough Patent Hoe Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc	9 00	
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc.	25	
=		482 46
Henry Imbus, roofs, gutter linings, repairs, etc		332 00
Oscar Gerard, electrical work		26 79
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	27 48	
Barron, Boyle & Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	15 10	
Ira D. Washburn Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	41 03	
The John Kolbe Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	27 52	
The Wm. Glenny Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	42 81	
		153 94
The Moores-Coney Co., sand and cement	9 52	•
Smith Sand Co., sand and gravel	24 00	
		33 52
E. Van Briggle, painting and whitewashing	27 50	
W. E. Tennison, painting greenhouses	375 <b>0</b> 0	
J. D. Engelbert, painting band-stands, etc	222 00	
-		624 50
Swift Cornice Co., putting up stoves		22 22
Bollman-Wilson Foundry Co., iron door and frames		15 68
Cin. and Sub. Bell Telephone Co., telephone and patrol-box	ces	106 68
Martin J. Riley, horseshoeing		248 53
H. J. Conklin, drain-pipe		4 43
Union Gas and Electric Co., light		
		110 <b>0</b> 6
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant		44 10
Edw. J. Hanley, plumbing repairs	. 101 02	
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs	2 17	
Chas. M. Weber, plumbing repairs	128 20	
•		2 <b>31 39</b>
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Amount brought forward		<b>25,483</b> 06
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., insecticide		
The Rex Company, insecticide	12 00	27 00
The J. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber, etc	60 75	
R. G. Ward & Co., lumber, etc	8 00	
J. B. Doppes Sons Lumber Co., lumber, etc	. 25 97	
A. M. Lewin, lumber, etc	65 31	
Cormon Busgall Co. steam fitting etc.		155 03
German-Russell Co, steam fitting, etc		6 <b>9</b> 8 <b>35</b>
Hartford Fire Insurance Co., insurance		
Phoenix Fire Insurance Co., insurance		
St. Paul Fire Insurance Co., insurance		
bil I dat I'll Insulance con insulance		<b>35</b> 60
D. Rusconi, bulbs	. 98 02	
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., flower and grass-seed	70 02	
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed	130 20	
Henry A. Dreer, plants	320 77	
H. Haerlin, Jr., water lilles		
Barnes Nurseries, trees and shrubs		
The E. G. Hill Co., hydrangeas and chrysanthemums		
Robt. White, trees		
Robt, Craig Co., plants		
Lager & Hurrell, orchids		
Vaughan's Seed Store, cannas		
W. A. Manda, plants	27 50	1,242 11
Geo. S. Bartlett, bone meal	8 50	1,242 11
Gebhart Ritzi, manure		
Louis Moormeler, manure		
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., fertilizers		
J. M. McChilough a Bons Co., leithizers		18 00
Frank Egner, brooms		10 07
P. DeRoo, brooms		
21 20100, 010022		11 50
Blumenthal's Pharmacy, horse medicine	24 40	11 00
John Bailey, horse medicine		
		39 40
Dustin & Bell, horses		440 00
Perkins-Campbell Co., harness, repairs, whips, etc		
G. S. Ellis & Son, harness, repairs, whips, clipping ma-	an an	
chine, etc	99 30	
Brockman Harness Co., harness, repairs, whips, etc	39 80	
T TT TO		143 60
L. H. McCammon Bros., feed-boxes		. 18 00
The Early & Daniel Co., feed		
Jos. Heuermann, feed		
	52 27	007.00
Union Grain & Hay Co., feed		<b>365</b> 80
•		01 20
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services		64 50
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services	125 00	64 50
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services	125 00	
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services  P. S. Gilroy, sod, soil, etc  Louis Ruscher & Co., sod, soil, etc	125 00 156 20	<b>281</b> 20
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services.  P. S. Gilroy, sod, soil, etc  Louis Ruscher & Co., sod, soil, etc  F. Dhonau & Sons Co., dump-wagon	125 00 156 20	281 20 135 00
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services. P. S. Gilroy, sod, soil, etc  Louis Ruscher & Co., sod, soil, etc  F. Dhonau & Sons Co., dump-wagon.  The German-Russell Co., water-trough.	125 00 156 20	281 20 135 00 25 00
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services.  P. S. Gilroy, sod, soil, etc  Louis Ruscher & Co., sod, soil, etc  F. Dhonau & Sons Co., dump-wagon	125 00 156 20	281 20 135 00

	Amount brought forward		. 29,214	65
	J. A. Trautman & Co., repairs to steam-roller	4 5	0	
	The German-Russell Co., repairs to steam-roller	2 2	0	
	McIlvain & Spiegel, repairs to steam-roller	3 1	.0	
	Cincinnati Mili and Mine Supply Co., packing, etc	2 5		
	·			38
	John P. DeCamp, reut of chairs			50
	C. Bardes Sons, tanbark	5 9		00
	Chas. H. Moore Oil Co., oil.	8 0	-	
	The Peale Paint and Glass Co., oil	4 1		•
				03
	Standard Oil Co., oil for roads	143 0	8	
	The Globe Soap Co., soap for roads	57 7		00
	W. Pionnana dainking outs		- 200	- 80 - 50
	M. Biermann, drinking cups			45
	The John Shillito Co., crash			95
	The Mabley & Carew Co., tqilet-paper	6 3		90
	The Fair Co., toilet-paper	60		
				30
	Collins & Bruggemann Co., framing pictures, etc		. 3	45
	J. A. Trautman & Co., fitting up workshop		. 25	03
	Hillsboro Stone Co., crushed stone	397 2	1	
	Patrick Gleason, crushed stone	80 7	3	
	Louis Hines, crushed stone	101 0		-00
	United States Express Co., express charges	8 3	- 578	98
	Adams Express Co., express charges	4 5		
	P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., freight charges	27 3		
				22
	Emile C. Fussinger, repairs at lake		. 5	45
	E. Bowen, twine		. 2	65
	Edward Goepper, concerts		. 1,000	00
	A. J. Henkel & Bro., crushing stone	174 0	)	
	Fred. Heindrick, breaking stone	7 0		00
	Billing, Schulz & Co., cement walks	303 8	- 181	00
	John J. Bruce Foundry Co., catch-basins, grates, etc	26 0		
	Billing, Schulz & Co., concrete bases for statuary	36 2		
	Mt. Adams Ice and Fuel Co., ice	13 9		
			- 379	98
	Total Cost of Maintaining Eden Park in 1907		\$31.734	33.
	20th Cont of Manneth and Manne		===	=
BUI	RNET WOODS:			
	Payrolls		7,818	67
	Early & Daniel, horse-bedding	12 50	)	
	E. A. Conkling Co., horse-bedding	2 00		
	C. Crane & Co., horse-bedding	2 25		. :
	C. Gerhart, harness, repairs, etc	4 55	16	75
	Perkins-Campbell Co., harness, repairs, etc	65 95		
	G. S. Ellis & Son, harness, repairs, etc	5 60		
			76	
	T. W. Spinks, gravel for dock			
	W. C. Peale & Bro., glass			
	J. L. Schmalz, horseshoeing		80	
	Union Gas and Electric Co., light and globes		38	
	Wm. A. Biermann, plumbing repairs		189	_
	Amount carried forward		\$8,241	84

Amount brought forward	• • • • • •	8,	
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel			9 7 75 (
Jas. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber			63 8
Gustave Adrian, manure	153	13	5 (
M. Biermann, hardware, tools, supplies, etc			161 8
The John J. Bruce Foundry Co., grates and frames			58 (
Norfolk & Western Railway Co., car service			4 (
H. Belmer & Co., wire netting  Lawrence Beuche, bricklayer	• • • • • • •	• •	9 8
M. Barnes & Co., blue spruce			37
John Finn, wagon repairs, etc			65
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant			15 (
International Harvester Co., mowing-machine repairs			5
Chas, H. Moore Oil Co., oil			3 '
Jos. Heuermann, feed	71	20	
The Early & Daniel Co., feed	139	42 ·	
Geo. W. Neare Gibbs, insurance	8	00	210
A. R. Witham's Fire Insurance Co., insurance		00	
The K. F. Benndorf Co., insurance			
Eureka Fire and Marine Insurance Co., insurance	-8		
			40
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod	50	00	
The Bradley & Sorin Co., programs for concerts	26		
The Ice Delivery Co., ice	10		
Biltmore Nursery Co., kalmias	311	00	397
Total Cost of Maintaining Burnet Woods in 1907		\$9	
INCOLN PARK:		=	
	•	_	100
Payrolls	• • • • • • •	3	,122
Union Con and Floatric Co. man and electric light	000	00	
Union Gas and Electric Co., gas and electric light	292		
Union Gas and Electric Co., gas and electric light	292 375		667
	375	00	
Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps	375	00	
Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps.  Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	375	00	
Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps.  Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	375 • 45	00  00 80	
Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps.  Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	375 - 45 10	00  00 80 20	3
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Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps.  Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	375  - 45 10 10 41  - 52 4 1 15 31 2 56 10 21	00 00 80 80 220 96 41 50 95 00 50 50 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 6	107
Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps.  Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	375  45 10 10 41 52 4 1 15 31 2 5 6 10 21 22	00  00 80 20 96 41 50 95 00 55 60 00 00 25 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	107
Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps.  Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	375  45 10 10 41  52 4 1 15 31 2 56 10 21 22 70 37 2	00  00 80 92 99 41 50 95 00 50 50 50 50 50 50 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 6	107
Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps.  Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	375 10 10 41 52 4 1 15 31 2 5 6 10 21 22 70 37	00  00 80 92 99 41 50 95 00 50 50 50 50 50 50 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 6	667 6 3 : 107 9 58 :

WASHINGTON PARK:		
Payrolls	3,589	78
The Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs 160		
The E. J. Nolan Plumbing Co., plumbing repairs 9 68		
Chas. M. Weber, plumbing repairs 995		
		28
Fairmont Coal Co., fuel		00
Union Gas and Electric Co., light	21	18
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed		
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed	39	70
Ira D. Washburn Co., paint		84
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc 27 25		-
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware, tools supplies, etc. 8 25		
	35	50
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant	22	05
Wadsworth Stone and Paving Co., rock asphalt 385 06		
Louisville & Nashville Railway Co., car service 200		
P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., car service		
Kirchner Construction Co., rent of roller 30 00		
Owen Otto Cont. I Co. I am I	420	06
Queen City Supply Co., hose and couplings		
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod		
S. S. Jackson & Co., trees and shrubs	392	85
	302	
Total Cost of Maintaining Washington Park in 1907	\$4,561	99
HODEING DADE.		
HOPKINS PARK:		
Payrolls	<b>75</b> 6	50
Union Gus and Electric Co., gas light	30	44
Peter Bucheit, Sr., manure 200		
Gustave Adrian, manure 50		
		50
Total Cost of Maintaining Hopkins Park in 1907	\$789	44
AUBURN PLACE:		
	. 200	48
l'ayrolls	598 3	
Gustave Adrian, manure		
Total Cost of Maintaining Auburn Place in 1907	\$601	45
•		_
McKINLEY PLACE:		
Payrolls	1,316	57
Payrolls	1,316 22	
Smith Sand Co., sand		
Smith Sand Co., sand		
Smith Sand Co., sand	22	00 55
Smith Sand Co., sand	22 22 2	00 55 47
Smith Sand Co., sand	22 22 2	00 55
Smith Sand Co., sand	22 22 2	55 47 40
Smith Sand Co., sand	22 22 2 5	55 47 40 40
Smith Sand Co., sand  J. P. Doppes Sons Lumber Co., lumber, installing fountain  J. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber, installing fountain  6 55  P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., freight charges on fountain  The Moores-Coney Co., sand and gravel  E. J. Nolan Plumbing Co., plumbing	22 22 2 5 26 11	55 47 40 40
Smith Sand Co., sand.  J. P. Doppes Sons Lumber Co., lumber, installing fountain J. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber, installing fountain.  16 00 P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., freight charges on fountain.  The Moores-Coney Co., sand and gravel. E. J. Nolan Plumbing Co., plumbing. Louis Ruscher & Co., sod.	22 22 2 5 26 11	55 47 40 40
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OWLS'-NEST PARK:		
Payrolis	\$600	00
LYTLE PARK:		
Payrolls Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	686	81
Union Gas and Electric Co., light	46	91
Total Cost of maintaining Lytle Park in 1907	\$733	<b>2</b> 2
TYLER DAVIDSON FOUNTAIN:		
l'ayrolls	1.337	00
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs		80
Collins & Bruggemann Co., frames for rules	-	45
E. J. Holzhalb, plat of fountain	25	00
The Schaefer Rubber Co., rubber boots	6	70
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., coke brieze	5	70
Queen City Supply Co., hose	37	50
The Alms & Doepke Co., brooms		
A. Jansen & Co., brooms		~-
Total Cost of maintaining Tyler Davidson Fountain in 1907		25 40
•		=
EAST END PARK:		
Edw. J. Holzhalb, measuring sidewalk		77
Total Cost of maintaining East End Park in 1907	\$12	77
WILSON COMMON:		
Singleton & Ruffner, repairs to roof	, 23	00
Frederick Tischbein, rent		10
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc	18	69
E. J. Holzhalb, engineering services	170	00
Total cost of maintaining Wilson Common for 1907	\$226	79
INWOOD PARK:		
Jos. H. Batsche, vault cleaning	\$10	00
SUNDRY EXPENSES FOR ALL PARKS:		
Fidelity and Deposit Co., premiums on bonds		
The T M Davids sections as a section of the section		00
Dr. J. T. Davis, veterinary services		5 00
Carey & Zimmermann, insurance on stables		100
The Wm. H. Moon Co., trees, shrubs, etc		24
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services		3 00
Jacob Fox, umbrella		3 95
J. W. Rodgers, cash paid	_	98
Total Cost of Sundry Expenses charged to all parks in 1907	\$1,169	62

EXPENSES INCIDENTAL to Office of Superintendent of	Parks	s:
Payrolls (Superintendent of Parks and Stenographers)		8,519 50
B. & H. Meyer, horse-keep	142 93	
F. B. Maertz, horse-keep	99 20	
Ben Grote, horse-keep	26 63	268 76
J. W. Rodgers, convention expenses	177 50	
Anthony Herschede, convention expenses	112 75	290 25
Price Hill Incline Plane R. R. Co., freight tickets Cincinnati Traction Co., freight tickets	50 00 10 00	
The J. H. Louis Carriage and Wagon Co., buggy repairs	5 30 (3 30	60 00
—		63 60
Ryan Bros., horseshoeing		42 50
Bock Bros., harness repairs	1 05	
Brockmann Harness Co., harness, etc	30 00	
The John Shillito Co., carriage-robe	4 00	
		<b>3</b> 5 05
Total Expenses Incidental to Office of Sup't of Parks in 1907	· · · · · · · · · =	\$4,284 66
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH OFFIC	E:	
E. J. Lee, photographs	14 25	
	70 30	
Rombach & Groene, photographs		
Barg & Schulte, photographs, etc	4 37	
Huber Art Co., kodak and films	1 15	90 07
Samuel Minter, repairing chairs		2 00
Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone Co., telephones		125 00
Western Union Telegraph Co., clock-rental		12 00
The Globe-Wernicke Co., files		8 10
American Florist Co., periodical	1 00	
Municipal Journal and Engineer Co., periodical	6 00	
Horticulture Publishing ('o., periodical	1 00	
Florists' Exchange, periodical	1 00	
Herman Boesche, newspaper	6 40	
		<b>15 4</b> 0
U. P. James, botanical books		11 45
The Enquirer Co., postage		35 00
George E. Bryan, printing, etc	16 50	
Eagle Lithographing Co., printing	10 <b>0</b> 0	
Cohen & Co., printing	24 50	
The Miami Press, printing	23 00	
Webb Stationery and Printing Co., office supplies, etc	1 50	74 00
Pounsford Stationery Co., office supplies, etc	· 13 81	
D. Carroll Thomas, office supplies, etc	1 90	
Sellers, Davis & Co., office supplies, etc	12 10	
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., office supplies, etc	1 45	
W. H. Stanage & Co., office supplies, etc	18 45	
Underwood Typewriter Co., rent of typewriter	16 03	49 21
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., typewriter, desk, etc	146 83	}
-		162 86
Collins & Bruggemann, framing pictures		
Williams Directory Co., City Directory		
M. C. Dow, soap		
Cincinnati Blue Print Co., blue prints		
Total Expenses charged to Office Supplies, etc., during 1907.	<b></b> .	\$617 87

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### PARK EXTENSION FUND

The following statement includes all Receipts and Expenditures since the first issue of Bonds under the Longworth Act for the purpose of purchasing and improving New Park Property.

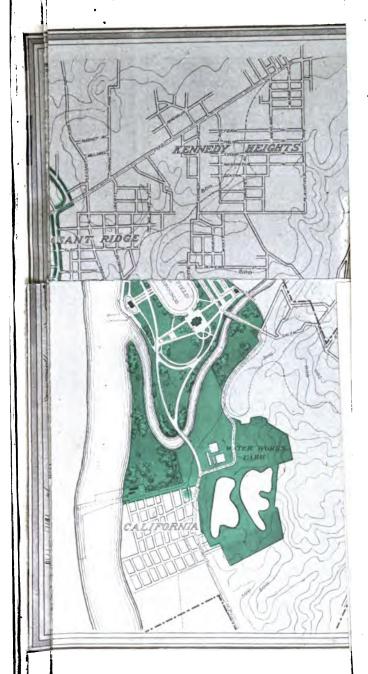
#### RECEIPTS

Total Receipts to December 31, 1906		943,727 81
Receipts for 1907:		
Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 67, for pu of improving new park property	10,000 00	•
chase of Ludlow Avenue Triangle property, an provements to same.  Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 2091, for pose of acquiring small parcel of ground at	)   pur-     Hunt   800 00	
Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 2066, for	) pur-/ prop- 17.500.00	
erty  Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 1977, for pose of acquiring Barr, Kenyon, Mound and C streets property, and improving same	pur- cutter 300,000 00	414,300 00
Total Receipts from 1904 to December 31, 1907	-	
EXPENDITURES		
Bond issue expenses	, and 73,355 87	
Total expense connected with Park Extension Bo	onds	74,811 16
Ordinance No. 672-Engineers, rodmen, etc 1907-Ordinance No. 672-Services of engineer, etc	4,627 26 267 50	
Total expenses connected with engineers, surveys,	, etc	4,894 76
Vine and Hollister property Improvement to Vine and Hollister Park	14,429 82	•
Total cost of Vine and Hollister Park		20,474 32
Burnet Avenue and Reading Road property Improvement to Burnet Avenue and Reading Road	prop-	
erty 1907—Improvement to Burnet Avenue and Reading Road erty	prop-)	
Total cost of Burnet Avenue and Reading Road P	ark	2,553 80
East-End Park property	36,555 42 662 50	
Total cost of East-End Park		37,217 92
Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore property Improvement to Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore Par	12,324 90 k 886 53	
Total cost of Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore corner		12,711 43
Amount carried forward	••••••	\$152,668 89

Amount brought forward	152,663 89
Lytle Park property.       .242,         Improvement to Lytle Park.       3,072 81         1907—Improvement to Lytle Park.       9,675 36	898 31 748 17
Total cost of Lytle Park	255,646 48
Calhoun Street property       71,528 91         1907—Calhoun Street property       1,097 65         —       72.	626 <b>5</b> 6
Improvement to Calhoun Street property 3,212 81 1907—Improvement to Calhoun Street property 966 94	17 <b>9 2</b> 5
Total cost of Calhoun Street property	76,805 81
McKinley Place property	694 39 066 44
Total cost of McKinley Place	55,760 83
Auburn Place property	555 15 842 60
Total cost of Auburn Place	26,397 75
	332 83 178 28
Total cost of Owls'-Nest Park	561 11
Wilson Common (taxes and recording deed, etc.)	174 55
Fourth, Fifth, Park and Mill Sts. property (examination of	title) 390 00
Hunt Street Park property	793 13 050 56
Total cost of Hunt Street Park	256,848 69
Inwood Park property         105,188 59           1907—Inwood Park property         3,207 69	346 <b>2</b> 8
Improvement of Inwood Park	20 00
Total cost of Inwood Park	103,366 28
Barr. Kenyon. Mound and Cutter streets propertyLudlow Avenue Triangle property	520 00 120 00 664 06
Total cost Ludlow Avenue Triangle	81,784 06
Hubbard Tract property	30 00 363 62
Total cost Hubbard Tract	17,398 62
parks	539 26 390 00
Total miscellaneous expenses for property and improvement	s 929 26
Columbia Avenue Park property	2 00
Expenses of Park Commission         1, 1997—Expenses of Park Commission         7, Total expenses of Park Commission	,948 78 9,788 25
Total amount spent from Park Extension Fund to Dec. 31, 16 Balance on hand December 31, 1907	
	\$1,358,027 81

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